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OUTLINES.

Maj. Gen. Lawton was killed by Filipinos in front of his troops at San Mateo. —— J. W. Gayle, Democrat elected Congressman from the Seventh Kentucky district. —— British was expenditures exceed 2,000,000 pound, per week. —— H. G. Wadley sent tenced to one year's imprisonment in the Virginia penitentiary for embezzlement. —— A number of witnesses from Utah were before the Roberts investigating committee of the House yesterday. —— Ewart's nomination for U. S. district court judge has again been sent to the Senate. —— Dillaway & Starr, bankers of Boston, have failed. —— Funeral of Flag Lieut. Brumby will take place to-day in Atlanta. —— The failure of the National Bank of Port Jervis, N. Y., is announced. —— Sanford White, superintendent of a coke company a Dunbar, Pa., was shot and killed by a negro; the murderer was killed by a posse. —— Seven lives lost in two fires in tenement houses in New York. —— The Democratic National Committee will meet in Washington, D. C., February 22nd, to fix a time and place for holding the National Democratic Convention. —— N. Y. markets: money on call ranged from 2 to 30 per cent., last loan at 2; cotton steady, middling uplands 7½c; flour was quiet and easy; wheat—spot weak; No. 2 red 75½c; corn—spot weak; No. 2 40½c; oats—spot steady; No. 2 29c; rosin quiet: strained common to good $1.45; spirits turpentine steady at 51½ @52c.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 19.

Temperatures: 8 A. M., 53 degrees; 8 P. M., 61 degrees; maximum, 72 degrees; minimum, 48 degrees; mean, 60 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, T.; rainfall since 1st of the month up to date, 3 8

Stage of water in the river at Fayetteville at 8 A. M., 5 0 feet.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, December 19.—For North Carolina—Fair; colder Wednesday; Thursday fair; fresh northerly winds.

Port Almanac---Dec. 20.

Sun Rises	7.10 A. M.
Sun Sets	4.46 P. M.
Day's Length	9 H.36 M.
High Water at Southport.	10.06 A. M.
High Water, Wilmington.	1.36 P. M.

A blaster in New York was fined $100 for carrying a bag of dynamite on a trolley, and the judge blew him up, too.

Alabama's output of minerals this year is estimated at something over 7,500,000 tons of coal, 262,861 tons of pig iron and 673,845 tons of iron ore.

"Lucky Baldwin" owned a lot in San Francisco, but he had to sell it for $1,425,000 because he couldn't raise money enough to build a show house on it.

It is said that many of the soldiers in the Philippines are suffering from a species of nerve paralysis, which follows dysentery and makes some of them cripples for life.

The Queen of England is so much prostrated by the British disasters in South Africa that she can't sleep, and she has no boys in the army, either. How about the mothers that have?

The Chief of Police in St. Joseph, Mo., offers a reward of $600 for footpads, but he wants them dead. He will not pay any reward for live ones; he has too many of them already.

The Boers were as much surprised as the British soldiers were at Stormberg. It is said that there were only 800 Boers, and they were very much surprised to see the 3,000 British retreating.

Gen. Buller will not eat his Christmas dinner in Pretoria, as he boasted he would before he sailed from England, but a considerable number of British officers and soldiers will, as prisoners of war.

Senator Stewart thinks Senator Quay will get in, because "the Senate has always voted to seat the man it liked and voted not to seat the man it disliked, and that's all there is to it." It likes Quay because he is a boon companion and can tell big fish stories.

A Bridgeport, Conn., man has recently developed a remarkable enlargment of conscience. He returned to a Chicago policeman a pocket-book and sent to Mayor Harrison a $5 bill for back water tax. It may be observed that his conscience didn't begin to grow until he left Chicago.

A young woman who when a girl sixteen years ago was run over by a railroad train in Kansas and lost a leg, has finally, after due deliberation, entered suit against the company for $30,000 damages. She has probably recently formed the acquaintance of some lawyer who wanted a job.

LOCAL DOTS.

— The Clyde steamship *Saginaw* arrived from New York at 6 o'clock yesterday morning.

— The brig *Caroline Gray*, Capt. Meader, cleared yesterday with lumber from the Kidder Lumber Co. for Humacoa, Porto Rico.

— License was yesterday issued for the marriage of Mr. LaFayette Southerland, of Masonboro Sound, to Miss Julia Etta Rogers, of Greenville Sound.

— The *Emma*, Capt. Charles Wessell's new steam river and harbor tug, made her trial trip up the river yesterday afternoon. She was saluted by steam vessels lying in the harbor as she passed up.

— On account of the lack of a quorum there was no meeting last night of the City Board of Audit and Finance. Chairman H. C. McQueen, Mr. S. P. McNair and Capt. Jno. Cowan, clerk, were all who were present.

— The finals in the tournament of the Cape Fear Golf Club will be played on the club's links at Hilton Park this afternoon at 2.30 o'clock. The street cars will run to Hilton, beginning at that hour and until the game closes.

— A meeting of the Board of Aldermen will be held to-night for the consideration of several important matters. At this session applications for liquor licenses will be received and passed upon for the term beginning January 1st, 1900.

— The Wilmington Light Infantry had its regular drill last night as usual. It was decided at an informal meeting to suspend the regular drills until after the holidays, the next drill being on the second Tuesday night in January.

— The rabid goat, which created so much excitement near corner Second and Dawson streets Monday morning, was yesterday killed by W. H. H. Todd. It is said to have been a genuine case of rabies with which the goat was affected, and is the first case on record in the city.

— Wilmington Division Naval Reserves had a drill last night. The improved one pound Hotchkiss gun which has been aboard their cruiser *Hornet*, was taken to the armory yesterday afternoon and cleaned up and a practice was held after the drill at the foot of Market street.

— The auditing committee of the Board of County Commissioners held a session yesterday afternoon and approved bills for current expenses. A meeting of the entire board is called for this afternoon, at which several important matters are expected to come up for consideration.

— An old colored family servant of Col. W. A. Johnson suffered a hemorrhage, caused by the bursting of a blood vessel, while walking in front of the store of the Johnson Dry Goods Company late yesterday afternoon. She was sent to her home by Col. Johnson and Dr. W. J. H. Bellamy attended her.

— The *Hurt* arrived yesterday from Fayetteville and points up the Cape Fear, returning in the afternoon. Among the holiday purchasers who came down were Messrs. J. B. and H. B. McFadyen, of Jones' Landing, C. B. Pridgen, of Kelly's Cove, R. D. Kelly, of Loebus' Landing, and T. W. Marshall, of Caintuck.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Chief of Police—Notice.
A. Shrier—Holiday gifts.
King Grocery Co.—Xmas feast.
J. W. Plummer, Jr.—Fruit baskets.

Woman's Auxiliary to Y. M. C. A.

The Woman's Auxiliary to the Y. M. C. A. held a well attended meeting yesterday morning at 11 o'clock in the association parlors and discussed plans for the big reception to be given on New Year's night, in which they are expected to take a prominent part. The vice president from each of the churches was asked to nominate four or five young ladies from their congregations to serve upon the committee of reception. Work upon the decoration of the building has already begun.

Passed Creditable Examination.

Capt. F. B. Rice received from the Civil Service Board yesterday a statement of the result of his recent examination as steamboat hull inspector for the Charleston district. He passed a very creditable examination, having averaged more than 97 in the entire examination. In two of the branches he received 100, the highest mark attainable, and received a congratulatory letter from the authorities upon his abundant success.

Steamer Planter Here.

The steamer *Planter*, Captain Fergurson, which is being operated by Messrs. Alexander Sprunt & Son under charter to bring their consignments of cotton from Georgetown, S., C., and vicinity, arrived in port on another trip last evening. She brought this time 420 bales, and will be engaged in discharging to day, probably clearing for the return this evening.

Another New Sharpie.

Capt. P. W. Cox, of Little River, S. C, yesterday made application for official measurement of a new sharpie which he has recently built for the coasting trade. She is called the *Victor C*, and is a two-masted craft of about 40 feet length and 3½ feet depth. She will be officially measured and recorded to-day.

PARTING RECEPTION TO MR. TYER AND FAMILY.

Flattering Gathering of the Members of Grace Church at the Parsonage Last Night—Dozens of Presents.

The congregation of Grace M. E. Church, South, gave a parting reception last night at the parsonage, on Second and Walnut streets, to the Rev. A. P. Tyer and his family. The reception lasted from 7.30 P. M. till 11 P.M., and great crowds of people called, attesting the love they bore for their pastor and the sorrow felt that he is to separate from them after a faithful ministry of two years. Among the callers were the Rev. A. D. McClure, pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Milton A. Barber, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, the Rev. John H. Hall, pastor of Fifth Street M. E. Church, South, and the Rev. R. F. Bumpass, presiding elder of the Wilmington District.

The following ladies, constituting the reception committee, received, with Mr. and Mrs. Tyer: Mrs. C. C. Covington, Mrs. W. C. Craft, Mrs. A. C. Craft, Mrs. J. D. Kelley, Mrs. W. E. Perdew, Mrs. Leon Richardson, Mrs. J. F. Garrell and Miss Blanche Fentress.

The reception was a most flattering success and barring the pain felt at parting with Mr. Tyer and his family, it was a most enjoyable occasion. The parlor and dining room were handsomely decorated with palms, ferns and camelias. All the callers were served with delightful refreshments.

At 9 o'clock, with the parlors crowded, Mr. Tyer was presented with a beautiful sterling silver carving set and a Wilmington souvenir spoon, as a token of the love of his Wilmington friends. Mrs. J. F. Garrell handed over the presents, and Dr. W. C. Galloway presented them with happy and eloquent remarks. Mr. Tyer responded in feeling terms, and there was not a dry eye in the house as he spoke of his appreciation of the gifts.

The carving set was contained in a beautiful white enameled case. The silver spoon has a gold lined bowl in which was engraved "Wilmington," and on the handle was the coat of arms of the State and the inscription "North Carolina."

Mr. Tyer and the members of his family, including the children, were the recipients yesterday of more than a score of presents. Among the gifts to Mr. Tyer were a silver match safe from Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Nutt, silver mounted military brushes by Miss Mamie Alderman, a silver grip tag by Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Craig, a box of cigars from Mr. J. Hicks Bunting and a box of cigars from Mr. D. H. Walsh.

Before leaving, Dr. Galloway presented Mr. Tyer with the following resolutions:

WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 18, 1899.

Rev. A. P. Tyer and Wife, Parsonage:

Dear Friends—During the session of Grace Sunday School last Sunday afternoon, December 17th, a motion was offered and unanimously adopted, that a committee be appointed to formulate sentiments expressive of our appreciation of your labors among us, and our regrets at your departure from our midst. In compliance with the pleasant duty assigned, we, the committee, have drawn up the following, which we desire you shall keep as a sweet memory of our happy association together.

We, for and on behalf of our Sunday School, cheerfully bear testimony to the fact that you have been faithful, zealous, earnest and able coworkers and friends in our growth, prosperity and spiritual welfare.

You have endeared yourselves to us by numerous acts of kindness, courtesy and love, and we hold you in the highest esteem for your exemplary Christian character. We deeply regret, through the will of Conference, that we are compelled to forego the cordial and affectionate relations, but devoutly pray that God, in his wisdom and goodness, may be your rock and refuge, and guide, protect and cherish you in your new home at Durham, and wherever, in the dispensation of Providence, your lots may be cast. We sincerely desire your earnest prayers for the gracious out-pouring of the Holy Spirit upon our efforts in the advancement of the kingdom of Christ, and we heartily commend you to the good people of Durham, especially the entire flock of Main Street Church, and sincerely trust that your associations there may be mutually pleasant and profitable, and that your services may be crowned with the amaranthine wreath of success under the approving smile of Heaven.

Affectionately and fraternally yours,

J. H. DAVIS,
W. C. GALLOWAY,
MRS. W. H. SHAW,
MRS. J. F. GARRELL,
MRS. W. H. HANKINS,
Committee.

Mr. Tyer and his family will leave on the 9.45 train over the Atlantic Coast Line this morning for Durham, where he will be pastor of Main Street M. E. Church, South. He will preach for his new congregation next Sunday.

The Rev. J. N. Cole, the new pastor of Grace Church, will arrive here from Durham on the 5.50 P. M. train tomorrow, and will also preach for his congregation next Sunday.

Death of a Little Boy.

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Landin deeply sympathize with them in the death of their six-year-old son, Nash, who died of meningitis on Monday night at 11 o'clock. The funeral services were conducted last night at the residence, 511 South Fifth street, by the Rev. John H. Hall, pastor of Fifth Street M. E. Church. The remains will be taken to Onslow county to-day for interment.

Let us bake your Cakes. Only steam oven in the city. Your Cakes will not have to stand over night, Can bake them at once. Palace Bakery. †

Mixed Nuts 10c per pound, Cocoanuts 5c. Fresh Ground Cocoanut 10c per quart. Palace Bakery. †

GEN. LEE'S BIRTHDAY TO BE CELEBRATED.

Daughters of the Confederacy and Sons of Veterans Will Join Confederate Veterans in Honoring Lee's Memory.

The regular monthly meeting of Cape Fear Chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy, was held yesterday morning at 11 o'clock at the rooms of the Chapter, in the armory of the Wilmington Light Infantry.

Mrs. W. M. Parsley, the president, presided, and Miss Kate Harlow, the secretary, was in attendance.

The regular routine business was transacted, and ballots were distributed for the election of officers to take place January 19th, or at some meeting to be called for the purpose.

It was decided to invite Miss Rodman, of Washington, N. C., president of the North Carolina Division, Daughters of the Confederacy, to visit Wilmington on the occasion of the celebration of the birthday of Gen. Robert E. Lee, January 19th.

By invitation of Cape Fear Camp, No. 254, United Confederate Veterans, the Daughters of the Confederacy and the Sons of Veterans will join the Camp in the celebration of General Lee's birthday. The Camp, as has heretofore been noted, decided at its annual meeting to hereafter make General Lee's birthday one of the occasions for having a reunion and celebration. The purpose in the future is to observe more faithfully the birthday of the great Confederate chieftain. The Camp at its last meeting appointed a committee, with Capt. James I. Metts, the commander, as chairman, to make arrangements for the celebration.

MANY SOCIAL EVENTS

Will Mark the Christmas Festivities in Wilmington This Year—Germans by the Two Clubs.

From a social standpoint Christmas week bids fair to be one continuous round of pleasure.

Several features are already announced, and it is quite probable many private entertainments will enliven the holidays.

On Christmas night the young ladies will give a dance at Germania Hall, complimentary to the members of L'Arioso and L'Agile german clubs.

L'Arioso German Club has announced their Christmas german for Wednesday, December 27th. This dance is usually looked upon as the chief social event of the season and in keeping with their custom beautiful souvenirs will be distributed.

Haywood's Capital City band has been engaged for the occasion.

The german will be danced in the new ball-room of the Masonic Temple and over fifty couples are expected to participate.

The date will probably be Friday evening, December 29th.

Thursday night, December 28th, L'Agile German Club will hold their annual Christmas dance. The german will be led by Mr. M. C. Elliott and will doubtless be a delightful event and contribute much to the pleasure of the week.

An impromptu german is usually given during the holidays and it is understood the two german clubs and society men generally will participate.

Tuesday night, December 26th, is the only evening which will not be devoted to dancing; rumor has it, however, that there will be one or more home entertainments at that time.

CUSTOM HOUSE TO BE IMPROVED.

Government Has Authorized Appropriation for General Overhauling of Interior.

Collector John C. Dancy, at this port, has been authorized by the Treasury Department, it is learned, to call for bids for a thorough overhauling and repainting of the interior of the Custom House.

A United States building inspector visited Wilmington a short time ago, took an inventory of the needed improvements to the building, and upon his recommendation and through the efforts of local officials, the department has granted an appropriation for this purpose.

The contract will probably be given to local workmen and completed early in the new year.

The exterior of the building will, it is understood, receive no immediate attention. The walls of the different rooms inside the building and the hallways will be neatly kalsomined and otherwise improved.

ADDITIONAL DIPHTHERIA CASES.

Two Quarantines Declared Yesterday. One Case of Scarlet Fever Reported.

Two new cases of diptheria have been officially reported to Dr. W. D. McMillan, Superintendent of Health, and promptly isolated in quarantine.

One is in the vicinity of Tenth and Princess streets, and the other is at No. 307 MacRae street, but neither is said to have yet shown signs of malignancy. The situation is not at all alarming, however, Dr. McMillan says, and with the hearty co-operation of the physicians of the city, he thinks he can well assure the people that there is no probability of an epidemic.

The scarlet fever situation is practically unchanged. One new case was reported Monday, but there was none yesterday, and those patients who are quarantined are said to be doing very well.

Watch us unload a car of Fruit in front of our store Friday. We are going to make somebody sick on prices. Palace Bakery. †

BENEVOLENT PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS.

Lodge Organized in Wilmington Last Night. It Will be Instituted December 29th. A Banquet Afterwards.

A meeting of gentlemen was held in the parlors of The Orton last night for the purpose of organizing a lodge of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. About twenty of those interested were in attendance. Several old Elks were among the number.

On motion, Mr. W. A. French, Jr., was called to the chair and Dr. Charles T. Harper was requested to act as secretary.

Mr. Louis Stein, who is an Elk of ten years affiliation, stated the object of the meeting, and explained the purposes and principles of the order.

It was thereupon decided to organize a lodge, and the following officers were elected:

Exalted Ruler—Prof. John J. Blair.
Esteemed Leading Knight—Mr. Louis Stein.
Esteemed Loyal Knight—Dr. Charles T. Harper.
Esteemed Lecturing Knight—Mr. James W. Monroe.
Secretary—Mr. Thos. H. Wright.
Treasurer—Mr. H. J. Gerken.
Tyler—Mr. John R. Turrentine, Jr.
Trustees—Messrs. Ike Bear, R. W. Wallace and E. J. Powers.

Thirty two members of the new lodge were enrolled.

The new lodge will be instituted on Friday afternoon, December 29th, by a team of Elks which is coming here from Winston for that purpose. After the institution there will be a banquet at night at The Orton.

At the meeting last night a committee was appointed to receive the visiting Elks. The following is the committee: Messrs. L. Stein, chairman, John J. Blair, Sam Bear, Jr., S. A. Schloss, C. C. Chadbourn and C. W. Woodward.

The following committee was appointed to make arrangements for the banquet: Messrs. W. A. French, Jr., chairman, H. J. Gerken, H. C. Bear and E. C. Cohen.

CHRISTMAS FOOT BALL.

Game Has at Last Been Arranged With Fayetteville for Monday—Visitors Expected Via Steamer.

The game with the Fayetteville foot ball team for Christmas day has at last been arranged to be played on the Wilmington grounds. The plans were consummated yesterday and the Fayettevillians will charter the steamboat *Hurt* and arrive here Monday morning with a large complement of rooters.

The Wilmington team, which will do themselves honor against the visiting team will be managed by Mr. Jas. Sinclair, whose name is a synonym for all that is good in athletic sports, and it will be captained by Mr. H. J. McMillan, under whose leadership Wilmington has more than once retired as the victor from the grid-iron.

Manager Sinclair yesterday received the following significant reply to a challenge sent the Fayetteville team: "Will be there, rain or shine,"

The team that will represent Wilmington on this occasion will be a strong one, composed of the best material in the city, and Wilmington boys say that they expect to win from Fayetteville and clean out the defeat they received last New Year's day. Fayetteville's team is a good one, her men behind the line being especially strong. Mr. Harlee Bellamy, who has been playing star ball with the University team this season will be found with Wilmington. He is a good ground-gainer and a fine tackler. Capt. McMillan requests all the applicants for the team to meet him at the practice grounds on Front street to-night at 8 P. M.

Mr. Stevenson Trustee.

The first meeting of the creditors of T. J. Wescott & Co., of Southport, in bankruptcy, was held yesterday in the United States court room, in this city, before S. H. McRae, of Fayetteville, referee in bankruptcy for this district. Among the creditors represented were West & Co., R. W. Hicks, John H. Rehder & Co., the J. C. Stevenson Co., J. A. Taylor, Wescott & Stone, and the B. F. Keith Co., all of this city; Singhuff, Johns & Co., of Baltimore, and others. The following attorneys represented various creditors: Messrs. J. O. Carr, Geo. L. Peschau, Robert Ruark and John D. Bellamy, Jr.

Claims amounting to about $2,000 were filed, and Mr. J. C. Stevenson was made trustee for the creditors. It is understood that the assets of the bankrupt amount to about $2,500.

No More Fever at Key West.

Dr. George A. Sheldon, U. S. A., who was detailed to take charge of the yellow fever detention camp at Bird Key, off Tortugas, Fla., during the recent epidemic of yellow fever at Key West and vicinity, arrived at The Orton yesterday and will be in the city a few days.

During the yellow fever epidemic twenty-three cases came under the supervision of Dr. Sheldon. He states that the fever has disappeared and everything has now settled down to the normal condition at Key West.

By the way, Dr. Sheldon was an assistant surgeon with the army in Santiago Province during the war with Spain, and picked up a beautiful Spanish bugle from the battlefield. He also has numerous souvenirs of the war.

The Doctor will leave here in a few days to report at Washington.

Cocoanuts 5c, Fresh Grated Cocoanut 10c per quart. Palace Bakery. †

MYTHS OF GREECE AND ROME.

An event of unusual interest, one hundred and ten participants, composed of some of Wilmingson's most talented young people, will be presented under the direction of Miss Lord to night and Thursday night of this week for the benefit of the Katherine Kennedy Home

Miss Lord's superb entertainments heretofore have established for her the reputation of high classic amateur entertainments, and this one promises to eclipse others and to merit an over flowing house.

Introductory.

A brief mythological history in connection with the bases of Miss Lord's creation.

The most beautiful of the many interesting mythological fictions connected with the theology of the ancient Greeks and Romans is the power and mission of Eros, or Love, claimed to be the oldest of all gods having existed when even earth was a chaos. Eros was worshiped with much reverence; by his mystical power the noblest, best and purest qualities of nature are created and controlled. Poets and musicians in all ages have sung to this diety their sweetest melodies; love is king over the heart, awakening within the soul of every creature that perfection of joy indescribably controlling the life of everything living, from the lowest germ to the highest work of the creator. From chaos was produced the earth, and by the union with Eros all the harmonious parts of nature were formed.

The Story as it Will be Presented.

Scene I—Love's Awakening.—Eros, wandering through space and filled with the power of his being, sees a darkened world, cold and barren; pitying it he aims his arrow and pierces the earth, when lo! a transformation, as if by magical influence. Flora, the goddess of flowers, appears and bedecks earth with all her beauty and creation immediately breaks forth into life, flowers and grasses, while here and everywhere, flit the happy careless little butterflies. All is now animation, love and beauty. Eros beholds the picture and is satisfied, therefore he calls all the gods and goddesses together for a high carnival, and to bestow on earth their great gifts.

Scene II—Mount Olympus—Jupiter and Juno, king of the gods and queen of heaven are in regal splendor, while dance before them their attendants. Iris the rainbow, Mercury, the swift winged messenger of the gods to man; Ganymede, Jupiter's cup bearer; Fortuna goddess of fortune, Fama goddess of fame, Victoria, goddess of victory. During this scene all the gods and goddesses, the fates and graces pass before them, and have come to robe the earth with all the arts and sciences which is their honor to give unto man.

Scene III—Dawn, Day, Night—Aurora, the goddess of dawn, comes to lighten the world; she opens the gates for Apollo, God of the Sun, who enters and with his sunbeams floods the earth with sunshine and warmth; Diana also appears in this scene. She is here represented as the Celestial Goddess of the Moon, and, who, with her attendants, the moonbeams, watch and defend the slumbers of man.

Scene IV—The Vestalia—Without the sacred flame transfused into the earth, life would be hopelessly barren, so Vesta and the Vestal maidens come to give peace, and as ministering angels, to guard the family hearth and control the passions of man. Earth would be a joy forever were not there another scene to this fair picture; Sin, ever ready to destroy our fair Eden, tempts man in many ways; therefore, Bacchus, the merry God of Wine, gives to man the "fruits of the vine." The scene here introduced shows but too vividly the power of the serpent's sting, as it hides in the burning sparkling cup. Minerva, Goddess of Wisdom and the finer arts, comes with her warlike maidens to crown earth with their rich store.

Scena V—Hades—A peep into the domain of Pluto gives a tragic light to the other scenes, the "king of devils" with his fair kidnapped spouse, Prosepina, are on their throne; the Fates by their side, who silently measure the birth, life and end of man, while the lost spirits dance around.

Scene VI—Birth of Venus—Venus, born of the sea, the goddess of "love and beauty," was known not only to the ancient heathens, but to every household at this age, where all that is lovely and fair is applied to her; the earth would not be complete were she not to dwell on it, and with Cupid controlling the hearts of man she comes, and with her, her three graces—Splendor, Pleasure and Joy. Neptune, god of the sea, and Amphitrite, his queen, with the fair nymphs of the sea, pay honor to Venus and welcome her as the most richly gifted of all the deities. Mars, the god of war, who loves Venus, comes with his warriors to pay homage to the charms of Venus.

The play is set in allegorical form, making it more real and lasting to the sense; it is full of instructive grandeur, and must be seen to be appreciated and understood.

The following are the chaperones: Mrs. T. E. Sprunt, Mrs. Wallace Carmichael, Mrs. H. P. West, Mrs. F. A. Lord, Mrs. Albert Gore and Mrs. G. W. Catlett.

MRS. H. D. BURKHEIMER.

COUNTY TAX COLLECTIONS.

Eighty-five Per Cent. of New Hanover Taxes Already in Sheriff's Hands.

The delinquent real estate tax list for the current year has been made up by Sheriff MacRae and his corps of clerks, and the same will be published Saturday morning as an advertisement for sale in accordance with the provisions of law.

The sheriff yesterday afternoon informed a STAR representative that approximately $71,600 out of $83,000 of this year's taxes have already been collected, which is a little more than 85 per cent. The record is a splendid one and it speaks well for the untiring efforts of Sheriff McRae and his efficient assistants in this direction.

The per cent. record of the collections for any one entire year is 93 per cent. and judging from the start made this year, it is safe to predict that the close of this tax collection year will be marked by an even larger per cent. of collections than before.

— Mr. J. M. Smith, a well known Whiteville merchant, was here making Christmas purchases yesterday.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. Thos. S. Bowles, of Richmond, is in the city.

— Dr. E. L. Cox, of Jacksonville, was here yesterday.

— Mr. John R. Morris, of Baltimore, is a guest of The Orton.

— Mr. J. W. Hollingsworth, of Currie, is in the city on business.

— Mr. H. Carter, of Abbottsburg, spent yesterday in the city.

— Mr. D. W. Biggs, of Ashpole, was in the city on business yesterday.

— Mr. W. W. Miller, of Rocky Point, called on our jobbers yesterday.

— Mr. J. H. Carter, of Clarkton, made business calls in the city yesterday.

— Mr. Jim DeVane, of Daughton, Sampson county, arrived in the city last evening.

— Mr. T. C. McEachin, of Laurinburg, was in the city making business calls yesterday.

— Mr. James Whitfield, a popular tobacco salesman, is in the city on a business trip.

— Mr. A. B. Walker, of Cumberland county, was among yesterday's visitors in the city.

— State Senator J. W. S. Robinson, of Sampson county, is in the city on a shopping tour.

— Mr. W. W. Miller, of Rocky Point, was here yesterday making Christmas purchases.

— Mr. J. B. McFayden, of Westbrook, was in the city yesterday and favored the STAR with a call.

— Mr. W. H. Holland, of Fayetteville, is in the city, the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Jno. H. Hall.

— Mr. W. D. Croom, of Burgaw, was in the city yesterday on business. Mr. Croom was one of the heaviest losers in the recent fire at Burgaw.

— Manager T. F. Simmons, of the Interstate Telephone Exchange, and wife have gone to Rocky Mount to attend the marriage of Mr. Simmons' brother, Mr. Lee Simmons, of that town.

— Mr. L. J. Cooper, of the firm of the Cooper & Cooper Company, left yesterday for Mullins, S. C., to attend the marriage of his brother. Before returning, he will go to Waycross, Ga., his former home, to spend Christmas.

— Major S. J. Bierman, of New York, formerly of Columbia, S. C., now travelling salesman for Messrs. North Bros. & Strauss, is in the city calling on the trade. During the war with Spain he was major of the Second battalion of the Second regiment of South Carolina volunteers, U. S. A.

— Mr. C. H. Westbrook, who returned a few days ago from New Orleans, has accepted a position as travelling salesman with the Rheinstein Dry Goods Company. Mr. Westbrook is well known and popular on the road, and The STAR is glad to note that he is again with the Wilmington knights of the grip.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

New Meat Market.

This is to inform the many friends of Mr. Johnnie Hintz that he has completed arrangements to go into the Meat Business under the firm name of J. H. Hintz & Co., on stalls Nos. and 3, north side of Market House, formerly occupied by C. S. Garrell & Co., where by polite attention and dispatch he hopes for a full share of the patronage of his old friends.

J. H. HINTZ.
Inter-State 'Phone 328, Bell 'Phone 138.
sep 24 tf

Everything to be Sold

AT LOWEST PRICES. China, Glassware and Holiday Goods of every description to be sold at lowest figures from now on until everything is closed out. You can save money. Do not make any mistake in finding Watson's China Store, No. 11 Market street, between Front and Water, directly opposite Goodman's Dry Goods store. Look for the sign "WATSON'S CHINA EMPORIUM."
dec 10 2w

MYTHS OF GREECE AND ROME.

Six scenes. One hundred and ten participants.

Under direction of Miss Cammie Lord.

OPERA HOUSE

December 20 and 21.

For the benefit of Catherine Kennedy Home. Tickets at Gerken's; 50 cents in every part of the house.

Box sheet for sale of reserved seats open Tuesday morning.
dec 10 6t

NOTICE.

The following is the Ordinance in regard to the use of Fireworks and Firecrackers in the City of Wilmington, to which attention is hereby called, and which will be enforced, viz:

1. No Fireworks or Firecrackers OF ANY KIND are allowed AT ANY TIME WEST OF FRONT STREET.
2. No DYNAMITE Crackers can be used at ANY TIME ANYWHERE in the city limits.
3. Ordinary Firecrackers, not over two inches in length, and ordinary Fireworks, are permitted on the 23rd and 25th of December, on the 1st of January, and 4th of July, east of Front street.

By order of the Mayor.

E. G. PARMELE, Chief of Police.
dec 20 3t we fr su

Holiday Goods. Mixed Nuts, Cocoanuts, Mixed Candy and Plain. Raisins of fine quality.

Selling at Low Prices.

We also have Seed Oats, Seed Wheat and a complete line of Heavy Groceries.

Lowest Prices for Quality.

The Worth Company.
dec 7 tf

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

- - CIGARS. - -

VOLLERS & HASHAGEN,

Representing Powell, Smith & Co. We are distributors for their

El Capitan General,	10c.
Union League Club, -	10c.
Cuban Blossom, ----	5c.
Renown, ----------	5c.
Santa Bama, ------	5c.

"War Eagle," "Old Glory" and "Match It" Cheroots.

No matter how fine or how cheap a dealer's trade may be, the above brands are not to be surpassed. Give the smokers a chance at them and they will sell rapidly. There are all kinds of goods, but the brands mentioned will whip the others to death. We are also dealers in all grades

TOBACCO

VOLLERS & HASHAGEN, PROVISIONS.
dec 10 tf

Crockery,

GLASSWARE, &c.

WE ARE AGENTS FOR

Libbey's Celebrated

Cut Glass

Our Motto, NO FANCY PRICES, will Be strictly carried out. And is a Safe Guarantee to you that you are Buying right.

O. P. CAZAUX & CO.
nov 26 tf

Fruit Baskets

Make Excellent Christmas Gifts.

I have them in Tastily Arranged, Bountifully Filled, and in many shapes and sizes, and then, too, at the right prices. My store this week is

Stocked with supplies for Christmas Shoppers.

J. W. PLUMMER, Jr.,
204 Princess street.
Inter-State 'Phone 132. dec 20 tf

Firecrackers and Penny Candy--

We known you remember the place to get the best Xmas Goods. But let us remind you that more Xmas Goods than usual will be sold this season, and we have bought to supply our customers—

Cocoanuts, Oranges, Apples, Mixed Nuts, Candies, Cakes, Firecrackers, Cigars, Cigarettes, Fancy Goods and Everything.

We get the best prices for your Turkeys and Eggs. Enough said. Come along.

T. D. LOVE,
24 North Water Street.

Steamer for Fayetteville Mondays and Thursdays. Passengers, freight and towage. For rates apply to T. D. LOVE, dec 12 tf General Agent.

Bagging & Ties.

Nuts, Candies, Raisins, Cocoanuts and Apples,

and a full line of

HEAVY GROCERIES.

For sale cheap by

WILLIAMS BROS.,

WHOLESALE GROCERS.
16 and 18 North Water street.
Write for Prices.

We will have Rice Straw during this week. dec 10 tf

FOR SALE

A Desirable Building Lot on Princess street.
Also, a House and Lot on Orange street.

CUMMING

Real Estate Agent and Notary Public.
dec 6 tf

Christmas Doubts

For a suitable present can be settled by a visit to my store, where you will find THE FINEST GOODS ever shown in this city from which to select a stylish, useful, practical Present that will stamp you as an "up to-date" inhabitant of a progressive city. Prices to suit all size purses. Terms to suit everybody's convenience.

Open every evening till 8.30.

N. F. PARKER,
No. 17 South Front street.
dec 5 tf Furniture & Furniture Novelties.

DOG LOST!

Lost, white female setter, with black ears rather below medium size. Had on black leather collar. A reasonable reward will be paid on delivery at STAR office, or to Walter Way at Orton House. dec 16 tf

PUBLISHER'S ANNOUNCEMENT.

THE MORNING STAR, the oldest daily newspaper in North Carolina, is published daily except Monday. $5.00 a year, $2 50 for six months, $1.25 for three months, 50 cents for one month to mail subscribers Delivered to city subscribers at the rate of 45 cents per month for any period from one month to one year.

ADVERTISING RATES (DAILY)—One square one day, $1.00; two days, $1.75; three days, $2 50; four days, $3.00; five days $3.50; one week, $4.00; two weeks, $6.50; three weeks $8.50; one month, $10.00; two months, $17.00; three months, $24.00; six months, $40 00; twelve months, $60 00. Ten lines of solid Nonpariel type make one square.

THE WEEKLY STAR is published every Friday morning at $1.00 per year, 60 cents for six months, 30 cents for three months.

All announcements of Fairs, Festivals, Balls, Hops, Picnics, Society Meetings Political Meetings, &c., will be charged regular advertising rates.

Advertisements discontinued before the time contracted for has expired, charged transient rates for time actually published.

No advertisements inserted in Local Columns at any price.

All announcements and recommendations of candidates for office, whether in the shape of communications or otherwise, will be charged as advertisements.

Payments for transient advertisements must be made in advance. Known parties, or strangers with proper reference, may pay monthly or quarterly, according to contract.

Remittances must be made by Check, Draft, Postal Money Order, Express or in Registered Letter. Only such remittances will be at the risk of the publisher.

Communications, unless they contain important news or discuss briefly and properly subjects of real interest, are not wanted; and, if acceptable in every other way, they will invariably be rejected if the real name of the author is withheld.

Notices of Marriage or Death, Tributes of Respect, Resolutions of Thanks, &c., are charged for as ordinary advertisements but only half rates when paid for strictly in advance. At this rate 50 cents will pay for a simple announcement of Marriage or Death.

Advertisements inserted once a week in Daily will be charged $1.00 per square for each insertion. Every other day three-fourths of daily rate. Twice a week, two-thirds of daily rate.

Contract advertisers will not be allowed to exceed their space or advertise anything foreign to their regular business without extra charge at transient rates.

Advertisements kept under the head of "New Advertisements" will be charged fifty per cent. extra.

Advertisements to follow reading matter, or to occupy any special place, will be charged extra according to the position desired.

The Morning Star.

BY WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, DEC. 20.

THE GREAT SOUTH.

Some years ago when the tide of migration and of immigration was to the West it was nearly always spoken of and written of as "the Great West," and it was great, for its development and progress were marvellous. Within a few years the frontier States and what was put down on the maps as "the great American desert" were penetrated by railroads, and the haunts of the Indian and the wild beast became the abiding place of civilization and progress. And this was all within the memory of men who are still young. One of Horace Greeley's answers, in fact his only answer, to young men who asked him for advice, was: "Go West, and grow up with the country."

We do not hear so much about the "Great West" now, for it has ceased to be the objective point of the young American seeking a new field for his energies, or of the immigrant seeking a new home, although a good many immigrants still go there to settle among friends and relatives who had gone before; but the rush is over. If the term "Great" can be applied to any section of the country now, for the same reasons that it was applied to the West, it is to the South, which possesses more of the elements of greatness than any other section of the country, a fact that was not known a generation ago, but is becoming pretty generally known now, and is becoming better known every day because no section of the country is attracting so much attention, or so much study and none is so well advertised in sections which not many years ago knew little about the South, because their people read little and what they did read was colored by sectional prejudice that misrepresented it, or magnified the failings without discovering or recognising, if discovered, the good points.

We have occasionally quoted from Northern papers samples of the better kind of advertising the South is now getting from some of the best of the Northern and Western journals. We find the following in the Philadelphia *Record* which we clip because it shows the immense possibilities of this Great South, and presents some facts and figures that very few, even among the more intelligent class of our own people ever thought of. It is a condensation of facts and figures in articles printed in a publication by the Southern Railway entitled "The Empire of the South."

"The word 'empire' is fittingly applied to the area of half a million square miles included in the Southern States. This 'empire' is four times larger than England, Scotland and Ireland taken together. Sixty four States of the size of Massachusetts could be placed within its borders. It has so generous a supply of natural and material wealth that if the balance of the world should be swept out of existence the empire of the South could support itself and prosper for ages to come. Its soil and climate are adapted to the cultivation of all the products and fruits of the temperature and tropical zones; its supply of coal and iron is practically enexhaustible, and in addition to its abundance of pine and other coniferous timber the South, according to the Chief of the Forestry Division of the United States Geological Survey, contains a larger quantity and greater variety of hard wood than any region in the world of the same area. The capacity of the South to support population has scarcely been trenched upon. Basing an estimate upon conditions existing in Pennsylvania to-day, the Southern States are capable of supporting a population of 88,000,000 and upward. Their present population is less than one fifth of that number. If settled as densely as Germany the South would contain 190,000,000 people, or 219,000,000 if inhabited by as many human beings to the square mile as is Italy. The vast growth of industrial and mining enterprises in the South has overshadowed the quieter development of the agricultural resources of the region; nevertheless the great strides which have been made in this latter direction will appear from the following comparative statistical tabulations:

	1880.	1898.
Number of farms	1,726,480	2,562,127
Acres under crops	54 679,145	93,611 017
Value of products	$611,699 145	$1,006,476 800
Number of live stock	39,448,360	53,211,613
Value	$360,065,883	$ 516,872,714

"The South is the most promising field not only for the industrial, mining and commercial entrepreneur, but for the cultivator seeking 'a farm of his own.'"

These figures show not only the possibilities of the South in the way of feeding a population, but also the progress that has been made in the cultivation of the soil and in the product of the cultivated acres, and yet but a very small part of the South is under cultivation, the larger part being still under the primeval forest. The figures here given are based on the present production, and does not take into consideration the possibilities of increased production by improved methods, intensified farming and thorough cultivation. If the South to-day is capable of supporting a population of 88,000,000—more than the total population of the United States—by greater effort and more thorough culture she could support double that number, for their isn't an acre of cultivated land which with reasonable effort could not be made to double its present output, and then the limit would be very far from reached.

Commercial fertilizers have become a very important factor in the production of crops and they are now largely used in many States. The South is the phosphate producing section of this country. In the phosphate fields of South Carolina, Florida and in the newly discovered deposits in Tennessee there is a practically inexhaustible supply of this fertiliser, which on account of proximity and abundance will cost the Southern farmers less than they would cost the farmers of any other section. For this reason they can be and will be freely used in the cultivation of crops. In addition to this there are extensive areas of marls all along the Southern coast line, which when properly applied have fine and lasting fertilizing properties. These will all in time become great factors in increasing the productiveness of Southern lands. In the meantime smaller farms will become the rule as the population increases, and smaller farms mean better cultivation, more from one acre than we get from three acres now. The fact is that the productiveness of Southern soil is simply inestimable for there never has been a thorough test of its possibilities, and wherever partial tests have been made the results have exceeded the expectations of even those who claimed the most. And the productiveness of the soil is only one of several elements which make the South "great."

BRITAIN'S ORDEAL.

The reverses to the British arms have brought England to the full realization of the task that confronts her in South Africa, where the situation has grown more and more gloomy every day since the first disaster at Ladysmith. Since then the British armies, commanded by Generals in whom there was implicit confidence, have met with three defeats, and the loss of two or more thousand men, among them a large number of officers, some of whom were distinguished in previous wars. They have not won a single victory, and the most encouraging report that any of their Generals can make is that they are "holding their positions."

So far all the fighting has been done on British territory, and all the accounts of disasters come through British sources, which confess no more than they are absolutely compelled to confess. It may be very reasonably inferred that all has not been told and much of the worst kept back. But enough has been told to convince England of the terrible ordeal that confronts her in that far off corner of the world.

The orders for more troops, when it was thought that fifteen or twenty thousand at most would be enough, the calling into service such Generals as Roberts and Kitchener, the calls on the yeomanry, and the response to the calls, is proof of this, and proof that England realizes that she has a mighty task before her.

She is humiliated because beaten so far by a foe that she treated with contempt, and she has lost prestige among the nations that have heretofore hesitated to clash with a power supposed to be invincible. And away off there in Africa, and by rude, rustic, peace-pursuing people, rushing to arms from their fields and shops, the blow was struck which lowered the prestige of this boastful, arrogant world power. And the end may not be yet. English papers hint at probable embroiling with other nations made bolder by these reverses. If that should be, and trouble be fomented in India, then England would have her ordeal sure enough, and realize what it is to be the isolated nation which she is.

The Boers took a fancy to Winston Churchill, one of their war captains. He escaped, but they liked him so well that they captured him and took him back. They will not give him quite so much yard room now.

DR. BULL'S COUGH SYRUP
Cures a Cough or Cold at once.
Conquers Croup without fail.
Is the best for Bronchitis, Grippe, Hoarseness, Whooping-Cough, and for the cure of Consumption.
Mothers praise it. Doctors prescribe it.
Small doses; quick, sure results.
SAFE SURE
FOR ALL LUNG TROUBLE

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

Saturday's dispatches reported a $3,000,000 failure in Boston and the collapse of the Broadway National Bank. Monday's dispatches reported the closing of the Produce Exchange Trust Company in New York, the suspension of the firm of Henry Allen & Co., bankers and brokers in New York, the assignment of Joseph Swann & Co., in Boston, and of the Charles A. Vayler Company, druggist, in Baltimore. The most important of these is the suspension of the New York Trust Company, because of its business connections with the merchants and promoters of enterprises. It took the prompt action of the clearing house banks to check the panic which had begun, which they did by assisting to renew loans at six per cent., and giving assurance that they would avoid, as far as possible, excessive rates on new loans.

Another dispatch announces that Secretary Gage has decided to increase the deposits in the national banks to the amount of $30,000,000 or $40,000,000, the banks depositing United States bonds as security. This is evidently for the purpose of helping the banks and easing up the situation.

Isn't it somewhat remarkable, and also suggestive, that these collapses come coincident with the passage of the gold standard currency bill? They occurred before the passage of the bill, but its passage has been a foregone conclusion ever since the Republican caucus agreed upon it. The reason assigned by the Boston Bank, and by the New York Trust Company, for their suspensions was their inability to command money to meet the sudden demands upon them. They claim to have had an abundance of good assets upon which the money needed could not be realized. And yet we are told by the gold standard advocates who are favoring this new currency bill upon the country that the country is full of money, with a larger per capita circulation than we ever had, and while they are chattering thus strong firms are going to the wall because they can't command the money to meet the demands upon them, interest rates are going up, and the Treasury of the United States finds it necessary to go to the relief of the banks for the third time within the past month or so.

This thing may stop where it is and it may not. There is no telling how far they may reach or where they may go when such disturbances begin. But coming at this time are they not an object lesson that the gentlemen who are forcing the gold standard upon the country would do well to study?

TWINKLINGS.

— She—"What does young DeJones do for a livelihood?" He (sadly) —"His friends."

— Mack O'Rell—"What a comic poster! It represents a sailor chasing a big ostrich." Luke Warme—"H'm! Another case of tar and feathers."

— Merely an Opinion: "What is economy?" "Why, it's saving money from useful things and spending it on pretty ones."—*Indianapolis Journal.*

— He—Is your husband laying anything up for a rainy day, my good woman? She—No, sir; but he's saving up to buy a snow-shovel.—*Yonkers Statesman.*

— Hix—"Did you take a vacation during the summer?" Dix—"Yes." Hix—"Where did you go?" Dix—"Nowhere. I sent my wife to the country for a month."

— Aristocracy—Mrs. Purvenu.—They have traced their family crest back to the time of the Conqueror. Mr. Parvenu—I can't see what advantage that is! Crests certainly cost more money now than they did then!" —*Puck.*

— Every One Liable to Err: Bridget—"I can't stand the missus, sur." Von Blumer (sarcastically)— "It's a pity, Bridget, that I couldn't have selected a wife to suit you." Bridget—"Sure, sur, we all make mistakes."—*Tit Bits.*

— When she had finished her remarks relative to something he had done that did not meet her approval he spoke. "I don't see why you should want woman suffrage," he said. "You already hold office." "What office?" she demanded. "Speaker of the house," he replied.—*Chicago Post.*

— No Place for Them—"Why so pensive, Geraldine?" "I was just thinking about what the preacher said Sunday morning. If there is to be no marrying or giving in marriage in heaven, what will the young men who are always acting as ushers have to talk about or keep them busy?"—*Chicago Times-Herald.*

— Prayer pulls the rope below and the great bell rings above in the ears of God.—*Spurgeon.*

Cold Steel or Death.

"There is but one small chance to save your life and that is through an operation," was the awful prospect set before Mrs. I. B. Hunt of Lime Ridge, Wis., by her doctor after vainly trying to cure her of a frightful case of stomach trouble and yellow jaundice. He didn't count on the marvellous power of Electric Bitters to cure Stomach and Liver troubles, but she heard of it, took seven bottles, was wholly cured, avoided surgeon's knife, now weighs more and feels better than ever. It's positively guaranteed to cure all Stomach, Liver and Kidney troubles and never disappoints. Price 50c at R. R. BELLAMY's drug store.

Electric Belt on Trial.

To introduce it and obtain agents, the undersigned firm will send a few of their Electric Belts on trial on the following terms: $1.00 to be paid in ten days if the Belt proves beneficial, and the balance, $2.00, to be paid in sixty days if the Belt effects a cure. These Belts are a positive cure for Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Kidney trouble, Stomach and Liver trouble, Asthma, etc. Address at once

GERMAN ELECTRIC AGENCY,
† P. O. Box 1874, New York, N. Y.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Littleton *Reporter*: Dr. T. W. Harriss has in his possession a beautiful ivory handled cane that was given to Hon. Nathaniel Macon by his colleague, the Hon. John Randolph, of Roanoke, in 1793. The cane is in good condition, and looks as if it might be good at the close of another century.

— Winston *Sentinel*: Revenue officers find that the establishment of 'phones in the country towns play smash with them. When their presence is known a message flies all around over the country to parties who warn blockaders and when the officers arrive the bird has flown.

— Raleigh *Post*: Robbers entered the house of Mr. Samuel Taylor, near Oakley, Pitt county, Saturday night and plundered it. After going to Mr. Samuel Taylor's house of his son, Mr. G. O. Taylor, killed him and burned up his house, with him in it. Sunday afternoon Henry Taylor and Mack Taylor, colored, were arrested and the evidence indicated that they were guilty.

— Greensboro *Telegram*: Greensboro has had a protracted spell of thieving and burglaries. It seems the rascals are still in our midst, and it will probably be necessary to organize a shot gun brigade and fill 'em full of holes. —— A gentleman who spent yesterday in Reidsville tells an interesting story of a fight between a spider and a snake. Mr. Knox, of Charlotte, who has had charge of the construction of the Reidsville water works, and Charley Denny, of Reidsville, witnessed the battle. A few days ago they entered the plumbing room and were attracted by the queer evolutions of a snake about a foot long which had evidently been conveyed there in wood. He would coil himself ready to strike and a large spider was seen to be the object of attack. The spider was game and when the snake was coiled would pounce upon him and jump away, while the snake would make a frantic strike. The battle lasted for some time and resulted in the death of the snake. The story seems incredible, but our informant says it is vouched for by the two eye witness.

— Lincoln *Journal*: Bate Suttle, a well known young man of Shelby, met with a horrible death at Heath Springs, S. C., Saturday night. He was engaged in railroad construction with J. Rush Oates the contractor. He went to Heath Springs to take a train. The train was delayed and he got into and empty box car and it is supposed fell asleep while smoking and set fire to the car. The car, the depot, 400 bales cotton, several stores were destroyed. Young Suttle perished in the car. All thal could be found of his remains were a charred skull and a few bones. —— An 8-horse team belonging to W. C. Kiser & Co., and Jno. T. Hoover, of Reepsville, driven by their noted teamster, Henry Heavner, drawing a wagon on which was loaded a mammoth walnut log measuring 4 feet 1 inch in diameter and 13 feet in length attracted much attention as it passed through town late Thursday afternoon. The log was the butt cut of the big walnut tree that stood on the Laban Rudisill place near Reepsville. The tree made, in addition to this log, two logs 10 feet by 16 inches each, and the top made 3 cords of wood. The logs were brought here and shipped to a furniture factory at Greensboro.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—— Pretoria is becoming a fashionable Christmas rendezvous for British officers and soldiers, though Oom Paul's larder is believed to be sadly lacking in such popular delicacies as roast beef and plum pudding. —*Chicago News, Dem.*

—— The Boers win all their victories by selecting the battle grounds, fortying themselves thereon and waiting for the British to come against them, and they will continue to win in that way until the British better realize the obstacles to be overcome.—*Louisville Courier Journal, Dem.*

—— So Mr. McKinley has decided that the time has not yet quite arrived for the throwing overboard of the colored man and brother. The darkey, however, can see the handwriting— with references to himself on the Republican party wall if he will look carefully enough.— *Richmond Dispatch, Dem.*

—— The President made a mistake in defending his attitude toward Civil Service Reform on the ground of attempted improvement. It is pointed out by his critics that a letting down of the bars has been the steady practice of the Administration, and that in no instance has any Federal official been removed, although flagrant violations of law have been repeatedly brought to the of the President.—*Philadelphia Record, Dem.*

Cause of Low Test.

"We know of a patron whose average test in May was 1 6-10 to the 100," says Jensen's Dairyman, Beloit, Kan. "Upon investigation we found the cause of this very low test. The patron made a practice of milking a portion of each cow's milk and then letting the calf suck the rest. We here have an actual fact, proving what previous experiments have shown, that the first milk from a cow is very thin, getting gradually richer. It has been found that the first quart of milk milked from a cow tested eight-tenths, while the last quart of milk secured tested 11 per cent. Our readers will readily see the importance of clean milking, a job that should be done by the most reliable and trustworthy person on the farm. We must also reckon with the animal instinct of the cow. She doesn't give up her milk willingly, and if she is not milked clean or if she knows that her calf will get the last share of the milk she will be particularly careful in reserving the best and richest portion."

Dr. Adler, the well known Austrian labor leader, was sentenced to one month's imprisonment for having taken part in the recent labor demonstrations in Vienna.

Mrs. May Wright Sewall was elected president of the women's international congress as the successor of the Countess of Aberdeen at the recent session in London. The next meeting will be held in Berlin.

A Night of Terror.

"Awful anxiety was felt for the widow of the brave General Burnham of Machias, Me., when the doctors said she could not live till morning," writes Mrs. W. H. Lincoln, who attended her that fearful night. "All thought she must soon die from pneumonia. But she begged for Dr. King's New Discovery, saying it had more than once saved her life, and had cured her of Consumption. After three small doses she slept easily all night, and its further use completely cured her." This marvelous medicine is guaranteed to cure all Throat and Lung Diseases. Only 50c and $100. Trial bottles 10c at R. R. BELLAMY's drug store.

NEW WAY TO CAST IRON

Machine That Promises to Revolutionize Old Style of Molding.

INVENTED BY A WARREN (O.) MAN.

Has a Capacity of Six Hundred Tons Daily, Casting Eight Tons Every Revolution—Can Be Operated at a Slight Cost—The Test Was an Entire Success.

A successful test was made at Canal Dover, O., the other day of a machine which promises to revolutionize the old manner of casting iron and will be of keen interest to iron manufacturers throughout the country, who have been wanting such an invention for many years, says the Cleveland Plain Dealer. The test was made at the works of the Penn Iron company. The machine is the invention of a Warren man.

The machine is a very simple affair. It consists of a circular carriage, built on the same principle as a "merry go round," which is 56 feet in diameter and 176 feet in circumference. On the outer edge of this big wheel are the molds, or pockets, to hold the billets. These carriers are about two feet long and square sectionally, each having four pockets. They are hung on an axle. There are 144 pockets turned upward at once to receive the metal. Three times this number of others come around in their turn.

The molten iron was hauled from the furnace stack in a mammoth ladle mounted on trucks. It held 20 tons of molten metal. The ladle was tilted by means of a screw and the metal poured into a trough, which delivered it into the pockets as they turned slowly. After making almost a revolution the carriers turned automatically, dumping the hot billets on an iron conveyor traveling directly under the wheel and being of the same circumference. This conveyor passes through a cooling vat of water, after which the billets were automatically discharged from the conveyor to the box car which stood on a switch running from the main line of the Cleveland, Lorain and Wheeling railroad.

The test was a success in every respect, and there was not a hitch in the machinery from the time the metal began to pour in until 20 tons of billets had been deposited cold in the car. The iron men who witnessed it were loud in their praise of the machine. There has nothing of its kind ever been put out, and furnace men say it will be a great boon and labor saver to them. It has a capacity of 600 tons daily, casting eight tons every revolution.

Some points in its favor as against the old time method of molding billets in sand are that it will do away with a class of labor that is hard to secure, especially in hot weather—the hot iron handlers. The billets molded by this machine are free from sand and of uniform weight and size. Three men can do the work of 60, and the cost of operating it is slight.

WILD HORSES MUST GO.

Cattlemen and Sheepmen Monopolizing Water and Pasturage.

Gradually, but surely, the great herds of range horses on the interior plains of Washington, Idaho and Montana are being driven to the wall. Several causes are working together to depopulate the bunch grass ranges of the vast herds of wild horses that have hitherto roamed there. Briefly stated, says the San Francisco Chronicle, these causes are the increased demand for irrigable lands by settlers and the purchase or lease, followed by fencing, of great areas of range lands by cattlemen and sheepmen. The latter are swiftly fencing in the springs, creeks and ponds that form the water sources which are vital to range industry. These facts denote a new era in the development of western sheep and cattle raising, increasing production and putting the industry on a more solid basis. It ends the indiscriminate pasturage of cattle, sheep and horses over immense areas of the northwestern states. It means the confining of the cattle and sheep to lands that can be acquired, fenced and made more productive and the general extinction of the horses. The latter are being moved off the ranges by the tens of thousands. Those left are forced to eke out a precarious existence on the dry pasture lands left by the cattle and sheep herders, where they may die of thirst in the summer or starve to death in the winter, with no one to mourn their end.

While the cattle and sheep men have in effect combined against their common enemy, the range horses, it is no less true that cattlemen look askance at the steadily increasing numbers of sheep pastured in the open range country. For, while the natural increase of the bands of sheep is rapid, tens of thousands more have been moved to the northwest from California. The sheep are profitable from the first year, since the two principal crops, lambs and wool, coming in May and June, are salable within the fiscal year, while the herds of cattle must be maintained three or four years before profitable returns are possible. It is due to this fact that cattlemen commenced purchasing and fencing the range lands several years ago, and the sheepmen, as a matter of self protection, have followed suit. The need and demands of the sheepmen for wider pasturage have caused the industry and its custom of occupying the open ranges to be officially recognized by the United States government in its measures for policing and protecting the great forestry reserves recently set apart in Washington and Oregon. The government's primary object is to prevent forest fires, which greatly injure the watersheds. On condition that they use the utmost precaution to prevent any fires, the sheepmen are permitted to drive their bands into the rich pasture lands on the mountain slopes of these reserves. The forest supervisors have divided the reserves into districts for the various bands, the limits being marked by streams, ridges and other natural boundaries. Several million sheep will be pastured in the reserves of Washington alone this summer. While sheep are high in price the industry will continue to flourish, and in any event for many years to come immense bands of cattle and sheep will no doubt continue to occupy the great northwestern ranges.

The presentation of a sword by the people of Baltimore to Captain Dyer is to be an all day affair. The date fixed is Sept. 12. The actual presentation will be made on a platform before the city hall, and there will be a big parade.

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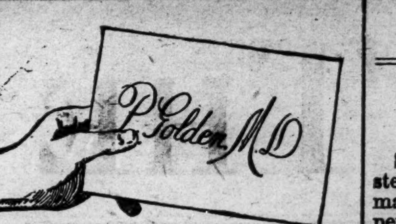

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WHOLESALE PRICES CURRENT.

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☞ The following quotations represent Wholesale Prices generally. In making up small orders higher prices have to be charged.

BAGGING—			
2 lb Jute	6½	@	6¾
Standard	6½	@	6¾
Burlaps	5	@	5½
WESTERN SMOKED—			
Hams ℔ lb	12½	@	15
Sides ℔ lb	5½	@	6
Shoulders ℔ lb		@	6
DRY SALTED—			
Sides ℔ lb	5½	@	6
Shoulders ℔ lb		@	6
BARRELS—Spirits Turpentine—			
Second-hand, each	1 15	@	1 20
New New York, each		@	1 35
New City, each		@	1 40
BEESWAX ℔ lb		@	25
BRICKS—			
Wilmington ℔ M	5 00	@	7 00
Northern	9 00	@	14 00
BUTTER—			
North Carolina ℔ lb	21	@	22½
Northern	27	@	30
CORN MEAL—			
Per bushel, in sacks	46	@	47½
Virginia Meal		@	47½
COTTON TIES—℔ bundle		@	1 10
CANDLES—℔ lb—			
Sperm	18	@	25
Adamantine	8	@	11
CHEESE—℔ lb—			
Northern Factory	16	@	18
Dairy Cream		@	18
State	14	@	15
COFFEE—℔ lb—			
Laguyra	12½	@	15
Rio	7	@	10
DOMESTICS—			
Sheeting, 4-4, ℔ yard		@	5¼
Yarns, ℔ bunch of 5 lbs		@	70
EGGS—℔ dozen	18	@	20
FISH—			
Mackerel, No. 1, ℔ barrel	22 00	@	30 00
Mackerel, No. 1, ℔ half-bbl	11 00	@	15 00
Mackerel, No. 2, ℔ barrel	16 00	@	18 00
Mackerel, No. 2 ℔ half-bbl	8 00	@	9 00
Mackerel, No. 3, ℔ barrel	13 00	@	14 00
Mullets, ℔ barrel	3 75	@	4 00
Mullets, ℔ pork barrel		@	3 50
N. C. Roe Herring, ℔ keg	3 00	@	3 25
Dry Cod, ℔ lb	5	@	10
" Extra	4 35	@	4 50
FLOUR—℔ lb—			
Low grade		@	3 00
Choice		@	3 50
Straight	3 75	@	3 90
First Patent	4 25	@	4 50
GLUE—℔ lb	12½	@	15
GRAIN—℔ bushel—			
Corn, from store, bgs—White	52	@	52½
Car-load, in bgs—White		@	50
Oats, from store	38	@	40
Oats, Rust Proof		@	45
Cow Peas	60	@	75
HIDES—℔ lb—			
Green salted		@	6½
Dry flint	10	@	12½
Dry salt		@	9
HAY ℔ 100 lbs			
Clover Hay	85	@	90
Rice Straw	40	@	50
Eastern	80	@	85
Western	80	@	85
North River	80	@	85
HOOP IRON, ℔ lb	3½	@	4
LARD, ℔ lb—			
Northern	6	@	6½
North Carolina	8	@	10
LIME, ℔ barrel	1 15	@	1 25
LUMBER (city sawed) ℔ M ft—			
Ship Stuff, resawed	18 00	@	20 00
Rough edge Plank	15 00	@	16 00
West India cargoes, according to quality	13 00	@	18.00
Dressed Flooring, seasoned	18 00	@	22 00
Scantling and Board, com'n	14 00	@	15 00
Common mill	5 00	@	6 50
Fair mill	6 50	@	8 00
Prime mill	8 50	@	10 00
Extra mill	10 00	@	10 50
MOLASSES ℔ gallon—			
Barbadoes, in hogshead		@	25
Barbadoes, in barrels		@	28
Porto Rico, in hogsheads	28	@	30
Porto Rico, in barrels	25	@	30
Sugar House, in hogsheads	12	@	14
Sugar House, in barrels	14	@	15
Syrup, in barrels	15	@	25
NAILS, ℔ keg, Cut, 60d basis	2 50	@	3 00
PORK, ℔ barrel—			
City Mess	10 00	@	10 50
Rump		@	9 50
Prime		@	9 00
ROPE, ℔ lb	10	@	22
SALT, ℔ sack, Alum		@	1 25
Liverpool	90	@	95
American	85	@	90
On 125 ℔ Sacks		@	60
SHINGLES, 7-inch, per M	5 00	@	6 50
Common	1 60	@	2 25
Cypress Saps	2 50	@	2 75
SUGAR, ℔ lb—Standard Gran'd	5½	@	5½
Standard A	4¾	@	5
White Extra C		@	4⅝
Extra C, Golden		@	4¼
C, Yellow		@	4⅛
SOAP, ℔ lb—Northern	3½	@	4
STAVES, ℔ M—W. O. barrel	6 00	@	14 00
R. O. Hogshead		@	10 00
TIMBER, ℔ M feet—Shipping	9 00	@	10 00
Mill, Prime	7 50	@	8 75
Mill, Fair	6 50	@	7 00
Common Mill	5 00	@	6 00
Inferior to ordinary	3 50	@	5 00

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WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 19.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market steady at 48½ cents per gallon for machine made casks and 48 cents per gallon for country casks.

ROSIN—Market firm at $1.10 per bbl for strained and $1.15 for good strained.

TAR—Market quiet at $1.25 per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market firm at $1.60 per barrel for hard, $2.80 for dip and —— for virgin.

Quotations same day last year.—Spirits turpentine firm at 40@39½c; rosin, nothing doing; tar firm at $1.10; crude turpentine firm at $1.30@$2.30, $2.30.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	44
Rosin	188
Tar	823
Crude turpentine	71

Receipts same day last year.—68 casks spirits turpentine, 141 bbls rosin, 526 bbls tar, 89 bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market steady on a basis of 7¼c per pound for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	4 13-16	cts. ℔ lb
Good ordinary	6 3-16	" "
Low middling	6 13 16	" "
Middling	7¼	" "
Good middling	7⅝	" "

Same day last year middling 5¾c.

Receipts—2,289 bales; same day last year, 1,872.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS — North Carolina — Prime, 85c; extra prime, 90c per bushel of 28 pounds; fancy, $1.05. Virginia—Prime, 55c; extra prime, 60c; fancy, 65c.

CORN—Firm; 52 to 52½ cents per bushel.

ROUGH RICE—Lowland (tidewater) 90c@$1.10; upland 65@80c. Quotations on a basis of 45 pounds to the bushel.

N. C. BACON—steady; hams 10 to 11c per pound; shoulders, 6 to 7c; sides, 7 to 8c.

SHINGLES—Per thousand, five inch, hearts and saps, $2.25 to $3.25; six inch, $4.00 to 5.00; seven inch, $5.50 to 6.50.

TIMBER—Market steady at $3.50 to $9.00 per M.

FINANCIAL MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 19.—Money on call ranged from 2 to 30 per cent., last loan at 2 per cent, ruling rate 6 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 5½@6 per cent. Sterling exchange was easier; actual business in bankers' bills 487¼@487½ for demand and 481 for sixty days. Posted rates were 482½ and 488½. Commercial bills 480½@481. Silver certificates 59@59½. Bar silver 59½. Mexican dollars 47½. Government bonds strong. State bonds inactive. Railroad bonds irregular. U S. 2's, reg'd, 102; U. S. 3's, reg'd, 109½; do. coupon, 109½; U. S. new 4's, reg'd, 133½; do. coupon, 133½; U. S. old 4's, reg'd, 113¼; do. coupon, 114½; U. S. 5's, registered, 112½; do. coupon, 112½; N. C. 6's 127; do. 4's, 104; Southern Railway 5's 107. Stocks: Baltimore & Ohio 51¾; Chesapeake & Ohio 28¾; Manhattan L 93⅜; New York Central 126½; Reading 17; do. 1st preferred 48¼; St. Paul 116⅞; do. preferred 175; Southern Railway 11; do. preferred 51¾; American Tobacco, 87¾; do. preferred 138; People's Gas 96½; Sugar 127¾; do. preferred 111; T. C. & Iron 79; U. S. Leather 12½; do. preferred 69; Western Union 87.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 19.—Rosin quiet; strained common to good $1 45. Spirits turpentine steady at 51½@52c.

CHARLESTON, December 19.—Spirits turpentine firm at 48c; sales — casks; no receipts. Rosin firm; sales — barrels. Prices unchanged.

SAVANNAH, December 19.—Spirits turpentine was firm at 48¼c; sales 802 casks; receipts 1,341 casks; exports 30 casks. Rosin firm; sales 364 barrels; receipts 7,044 barrels; exports 2,040 barrels. Prices unchanged.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—The swing of the cotton market was decidedly more narrow; yesterday it was a matter of forty-three points. To-day it was a matter of thirteen points, with the general tendency upward. The opening call developed the fact that a good many eleventh hour selling orders had reached the market from scattered quarters; but these were promptly absorbed, with the rear positions showing leading strength; they advanced five to eleven points on the call, while the more remote deliveries advanced only one to two points. The principal cause of the better feeling was the rehabilitating overtures made in money circles. Advices from the Stock Exchange were of a decidedly more reassuring character. But an underlying element of strength was the resistance shown by the English cotton market in the face of yesterday's panicky conditions on this side of the water. To the great decline which occurred here, Liverpool responded with a net loss of one to two points only, and closed firm. Following the opening call the general tendency of sentiment was in the direction of a more bullish view. In this, the South took the leadership, particularly in the matter of spot offerings. Investment buying was no small part of to-day's heavy transactions. Covering, however, was the principal features. At the best point of the day the market showed a net gain of twelve and thirteen points. During the session occasional rumors of renewed panicky tendencies in Wall street made the cotton market waver and indicated the independence of the staple upon reestablished conditions in Wall street. It is estimated that to-day's business in cotton futures was considerably less than half that of yesterday, when 10,000 and 15,000 bale lots were kicked around the cotton pit like foot-balls. Some heavy lots were also dealt in today; but, as a rule, the character of the business was much more normal, and largely in the direction of readjustment, and supported by substantial margins. At the close the market was steady in tone, with prices eleven to thirteen points net higher on the present crop months and one to two points net lower on the far months; the latter was relatively weaker, owing to the belief that the planters were preparing for a record breaking crop in 1900.

NEW YORK, December 19.—Cotton steady; middling uplands 7⅝c.

Futures closed steady: December 7.08, January 7.12, February 7.17, March 7.23, April 7.28, May 7.33, June 7.33, July 7.33, August 7.28, September 6.93, October 6.83, November 6.97.

Spot cotton closed steady; middling uplands 7⅝c; middling gulf 7⅞c; sales 300 bales.

Net receipts 2,080 bales; gross receipts 5,327 bales; exports to the Continent 1,046 bales; exports to France 144 bales; stock 110,959 bales.

Total to-day—Net receipts 39,541 bales; exports to Great Britain 10,627 bales; exports to France 144 bales; exports to the Continent 21,529 bales; stock 1,091,357 bales.

Consolidated—Net receipts 113,002 bales; exports to Great Britain 51,939 bales; exports to France 7,439 bales; exports to the Continent 44,374 bales.

Total since September 1st.—Net receipts 3,606,849 bales; exports to Great Britain 937,226 bales; exports to France 406,031 bales; exports to the Continent 1,001,985 bales.

December 19.—Galveston, nominal at 7 5-16c, net receipts 4,971 bales; Norfolk, nominal at 7¼c, net receipts 3,285 bales; Baltimore, nominal at 7⅜c, net receipts 1,029 bales; Boston, quiet at 7½c, net receipts 1,648 bales; Wilmington, firm at 7¼, net receipts 2,289 bales; Philadelphia, firm at 7¾c, receipts 468 bales; Savannah, quiet and easy at 7⅛, net receipts 6,474 bales; New Orleans, steady at 7 3-16c, net receipts 11,548 bales; Mobile, nominal at 7⅛c, net receipts 3,259 bales; Memphis, dull at 7¼c, net receipts 1,041 bales; Augusta, steady at 7 1-16c, net receipts 845 bales; Charleston, nominal at 7⅛c, net receipts 713 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 19.—Flour quiet and easy, with buyers shut out by the break in wheat and prices were a little better than nominal in consequence. Winter patents $3 50@3 75; winter straights $3 30@3 45. Wheat—Spot weak; No. 2 red 75½c; options opened weak at ⅜c decline in response to bearish and disappointing cables, reports of English victories in South Africa and general unloading. The latter continued all day, helped later by small clearances and unsatisfactory export news. Closed easy at ⅜@1c net decline. The sales effected were: March closed 75¾c; May closed 75½c; July closed 75½; December closed 72⅞c. Corn—Spot weak; No. 2 40½c; options opened easy with wheat at ½c decline and was depressed later by liquidation, following very slight clearances and a light export business. Closed weak at ¼@½c net decline; May closed 38⅞c; December 39c. Oats —Spot steady; No. 2, 29c; No. 3, 28½c; options neglected and easier. Lard easy; Western steam $5 62½; December $5 67½, nominal; refined easy; continent $5 87½. Pork firm; mess $10 00@10 75; short clear $11@12 00; family $12 00@12 50. Petroleum firm. Butter steady; Western creamery 23@27c; State dairy 18@25c. Cheese steady; fall made fancy small 12¼ @13c; fall made large fancy 12¼@13. Tallow firm; city 5c; country 4¾@5c. Cabbage steady; Long Island $3 00@5 03 per 100. Freights to Liverpool —Cotton by steam 26¼d. Potatoes irregular; New Jersey $1 25@1 50. New York $1 50@1 75; Long Island $1 50@2 00; Southern sweets $1 25@1 75; Jersey sweets $2 25@2 75. Coffee—Spot quiet; No. 7 invoice 6⅝c; mild quiet. Rice firm. Sugar—Raw firm; refined steady.

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—Cash quotations: Flour steady. Wheat—No. 2 spring —; No. 3 spring 64@66½c; No. 2 red 68@69c. Corn—No. 2, 30@31c. Oats —No. 2 23@23½c; No. 2 white 25⅝c; No. 3 white 25@25½c. Pork, per barrel, $8 70@10 00. Lard, per 100 lbs, $5 05@5 35. Short rib sides, loose, $5 10@5 35. Dry salted shoulders, $5 37½@5 50. Short clear sides, boxed, $5 45@5 55. Whiskey—Distillers' finished goods, per gallon, $1 23½.

The leading futures ranged as follows—opening, highest, lowest and closing: Wheat—No. 2 December 66⅜, 66¼, 66½, 66½c; May 70⅛@70⅜, 70½, 70@70⅛, 70⅛@70¼c; January 70¾@70⅞, 70⅞, 70¼, 70⅝c. Corn—No. 2 December 30¼, 30⅜@30⅞, 30¼@30½c; January 31, 31, 30⅞@30¼, 30⅜@30⅜c; May 33¼, 33⅜, 32⅞@32⅞, 32¼. Oats—December 22¼, 22⅛, 22, 22⅛c; May 24⅛@24¼, 24¼, 24@24⅛, 24@24⅛. Pork, per bbl—January $10 00, 10 00, 9 87½, 10 00; May $10 25, 10 30, 10 20, 10 25. Lard, per 100 lbs—January $5 32½, 5 35, 5 30, 5 32½; May $5 55, 5 57½, 5 52½, 5 55. Short ribs, per 100 lbs—January $5 25, 5 27½, 5 20, 5 22½; May $5 40, 5 42½, 5 35, 5 37½.

BALTIMORE, December 19.—Flour dull and unchanged. Wheat steady—spot and month 71⅛@71¼c; January 71⅛@71⅜c; May 75⅛@75⅜c; Southern wheat by sample 66@72c. Corn easier—Spot and month 37@37½c; December, new or old, 37@37½c; January 37⅛@37¼c; February 37⅜@37⅝c; March 37½c; Southern white 33¼@37¾c. Oats steady—No. 2 white 31½c; No. 2 mixed 28½@29c.

FOREIGN MARKET.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LIVERPOOL, December 19, 4 P. M.—Cotton—Spot in fair demand; prices 1-16@3 32d lower; American middling fair, 4 17 32d; good middling 4 11 32d; middling 4 9 32d; low middling 4 3 32d; good ordinary 3 21-32d; ordinary 3 23-32d. The sales of the day were 10,000 bales, of which 500 were for speculation and export and included 9,900 American. Receipts 26,000 bales, including 18,200 American.

Futures opened easy and closed firm. American middling (l. m. c.) —December 4 7-64d seller; December and January 4 5 64d seller; January and February 4 3-64d buyer; February and March 4 1-64d buyer; March and April 3 63-64@4d buyer; April and May 3 62 64d buyer; May and June 3 61 64d seller; June and July 3 59 64 @3 60 64d buyer; July and August 3 58 64@3 59-64d buyer; August and September 3 55 64d buyer; September and October 3 49 64@3 50 64d value.

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A. & Y. Railroad—82 bales cotton, 7 casks spirits turpentine, 316 barrels tar.

C. C. Railroad—74 bales cotton, 5 casks spirits turpentine, 124 barrels rosin, 103 barrels tar, 53 barrels crude turpentine.

Steamer Crœsus—127 barrels tar.

Steamer Seabright—30 bales cotton, 4 casks spirits turpentine, 10 barrels rosin, 20 barrels tar.

Schooner Argyle—5 bales cotton, 15 casks spirits turpentine, 54 barrels rosin.

Total—Cotton, 2,289 bales; spirits turpentine, 44 casks; rosin, 188 barrels; tar, 823 barrels; crude turpentine, 71 barrels.

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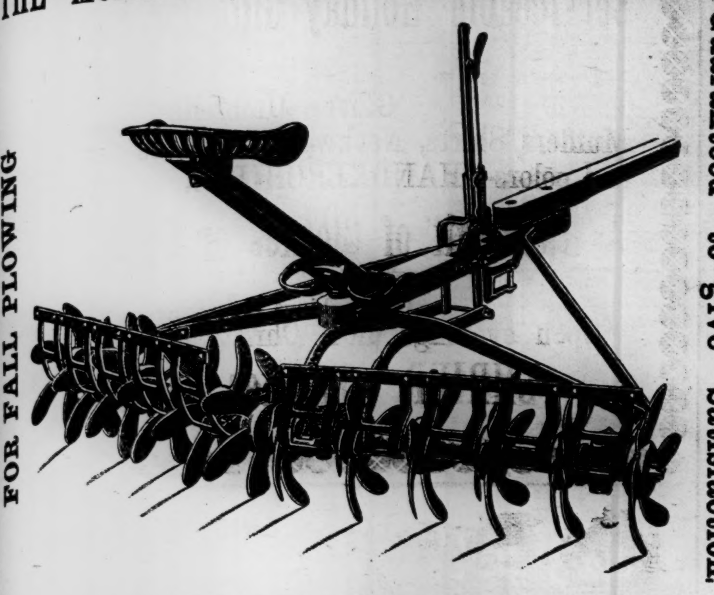

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Schedule in Effect Nov. 5, 1899.

Train 41—Leaves Wilmington daily at 3:05 P. M., Lumberton 5:14 P. M., Pembroke 5:40 P. M., Maxton 6:12 P. M., Laurinburg 6:24 P. M., arriving at Hamlet 6:58 P. M., where connection is made with trains for Charlotte, Athens, Atlanta and all points South, Southeast and Southwest. Also with trains for Raleigh, Portsmouth, Norfolk, Old Point Comfort, Richmond, Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York.

Through sleeping cars from Hamlet to Washington and Atlanta; also through sleeping car to Portsmouth.

Train 41—Leaves Portsmouth 9:20 A. M., arrives Weldon 11:43 A. M., Raleigh 3:36 P. M., Sanford 5:05 P. M., Hamlet 6:55 P. M., Wadesboro 8:10 P. M., Monroe 9:12 P. M., Charlotte 10:25 P. M., and Atlanta 5:20 A. M.

Train 38—Leaves Atlanta 9:50 P. M. Leaves Charlotte 5:00 A. M. Arrives Monroe 5:45 A. M., Wadesboro 6:51 A. M., Hamlet 7:43 A. M., Sanford 9:18 A. M., Raleigh 11:13 A. M., Weldon 2:50 P. M., Portsmouth 5:20 P. M.

Train 38—Leaves Hamlet 8:20 A. M. Arrives Laurinburg 8:46 A. M., Maxton 9.05 A. M., Pembroke 9:31 A. M., Lumberton 9:53 A. M., Wilmington 12.05 noon.

Train 403—Leaves Washington 5:00 . M., Richmond 9:00 P. M., Portsmouth 8:45 . M., Weldon 11:10 P. M. Arrives Raleigh 2:14 A. M., Sanford 3:33 A. M., Hamlet 5:07 A. M., Wadesboro 5:56 A. M., Monroe 6:53 A. M., Charlotte 8:00 A. M., Atlanta 2:50 P. M.

Train 403—Leaves Charlotte 8:10 A. M. Arrives Lincolnton 9:22 A. M., Shelby 10:10 A. M., Rutherfordton 11:25 A. M.

Train 402—Leaves Rutherfordton 4:40 P. M. Arrives Shelby 5:53 P. M. Lincolnton 6:56 P. M., Charlotte 8:20 P. M., Monroe 9:10 P. M.

Train 402—Leaves Atlanta 12:00 noon. Arrives Monroe 9:30 P. M., Wadesboro 10:30 P. M., Hamlet 11:10 P. M., Sanford 12:55 P. M., Raleigh 2:00 A. M., Weldon 4:35 A. M., Portsmouth 7:25 A. M., Richmond 8:15 A. M., Washington 12:41 noon.

Train 18—Leaves Hamlet 7:15 P. M. Arrives Gibson 8:10 P. M. Returning, leaves Gibson 6:30 A. M. Arrives Hamlet 7.40 A. M.

Train 17—Leaves Hamlet 8:40 A. M. Arrives Cheraw 10:00 A. M. Returning, leaves Cheraw 5:30 P. M. Arrives Hamlet 6:20 P. M.

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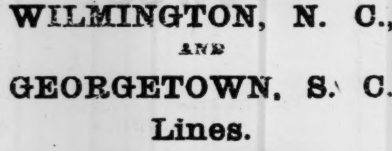

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STATEMENT OF

Atlantic National Bank,

WILMINGTON N. C.

At the Close of Business Dec. 2nd, 1899, Condensed from Report to Comptroller.

RESOURCES.

Loans		$ 858,971.54
Overdrafts		8 79
U. S. Bonds (at par)		95,600.00
Banking House and Fixtures		10,000.00
Due from app'd res've agt's	$ 79,160.28	
Due from other banks	169,160.99	
Cash on hand	79,331.51	—327,652 78
Total		$1,292,233.11

LIABILITIES.

Capital		$ 125,000.00
Surplus and undivided profits		101,784.40
Circulation		41,040.00
Deposits U. S. Treas	$ 50,000.00	
Deposits from Banks	207,693.55	
Deposits from individuals	731,715.16	
Certificates of Deposit	35,000.00	—1,024,408.71
Total		$1,292,233.11

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Dec. 2, '97.	Dec. 2, '98.	Dec. 2, '99.
Total deposits	$672,000	$874,500	$1,024,000
Surplus and net profit	76,200	87,500	101,784

Dividends Paid—6 Per Cent. Per Annum.

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In Dog Days!

When the flies like plasters stick,
When your collar wilts away,
Then you hanker for the "crik,"
Where the perch and pickerel play;
So you get your son to dig
For the bait behind the shed,
While the poles and lines you rig
With new sinkers made of lead.

Then you get your wife to make
Sandwiches of beef and ham,
Then you ask to have some cake,
Frosted and with raspberry jam;
In a basket then you stow
All this luncheon—and some beer,
Which, as fishermen all know,
Tends to draw the fishes near.

Then beneath the blazing sun
That would hard boil eggs on sight,
You will roast and call it fun,
Waiting for the fish to bite!
If a man had said to you,
"Go out in the sun and sit!"
You'd have thought he was a lu-
Natic, and you'd answered, "Nit!"

But the magic of a line
And a barb of blue black steel
Makes the heat feel really fine,
Though it makes your nose flesh peel!
When the westering sun sinks down
And the birds their vespers sing,
You crawl slowly back to town
With three catfish on your string.
—Boston Globe.

His Simple Test.

"Are you fond of music?"

"Very," answered the young man with wide ears.

"How do you make the distinction between popular music and classical music?"

"Easily. If I enjoy it, it's popular, and if I don't like it it's classical."—Washington Star.

A Sure Sign.

"Doctor," said the Cincinnati woman, "I want you to examine my husband as to his sanity."

"What reason have you for thinking him insane?" asked the physician.

"He is offering odds that the Cincinnati Baseball club will win the pennant," was the mournful reply.—Chicago News.

When Phyllis Goes A-fishing.

When Phyllis goes a-fishing,
All on a summer day,
The birds from out of their gladness
Sing each a blither lay;
The breezes in the willows
A gentler murmur lend,
Where, o'er the quiet reaches,
The sun and shadow blend.

When Phyllis goes a-fishing,
Ah, happy then am I
To joint her pole together
And fix her gaudy fly,
To set her reel a-singing
And cast her line afar
Where, in the silent shadows,
The speckled troutlets are.

When Phyllis goes a-fishing,
We lunch beneath the trees
On jam and cake and pickles
And ginger beer and cheese,
While ever, as we're feasting,
With trills and chirps and hums
An orchestra is playing,
Which takes its pay in crumbs.

And while sweet Phyllis watches
Her line impatiently,
My hook from out the water
Brings fishes two or three.
And when through fragrant twilight
Our basket home we've brought,
Sweet Phyllis shows in triumph
"The fishes that we caught!"
—Town Topics.

A Wonder.

Henpeck—Talk about your trick wheelmen! You should see Underthum.

Hoamboddy—Clever, is he?

Henpeck—I should say so! Why, he can guide his baby carriage through the worst kind of a crowd without touching the handle bar.—Catholic Standard and Times.

Easy Money.

"I got even with Smith."

"How?"

"Ten minutes after he had asked me how my health was I bet him $5 that he couldn't tell me what I had answered."

"Could he?"

"Here's the $5."—Chicago Record.

Wonders.

Oh, the kissing bugs kiss, and the sea serpents grin,
And the three legged hen does her best
In a steadfast and loyal endeavor to win
Our minds from the summer unrest!
For the days are so long and the joys are so few
That we turn with an infantile glee
To the best that the season's romancer can do
With fancy unfettered and free.

'Tis true that these things have been often rehearsed.
There are better ones swift on the way.
They are now being carefully tended and nursed,
Like the fruits which grow ripe day by day.
The hen, the sea serpent and bug must retire
As inventions more potent enthrall,
As we read the strange tale, and we list to the lyre,
When the candidate comes in the fall.
—Washington Star.

Signs of Greatness.

"There are two things by which you can always tell the truly great man," said the philosopher.

"What are they?" asked the thoughtless one.

"What he doesn't say and what he does do."—Brooklyn Eagle.

Too Bad!

Fair Maiden (a summer boarder)—How savagely that cow looks at me!

Farmer—It's your red parasol, mum.

Fair Maiden—Dear me! I knew it was a little out of fashion, but I didn't suppose a country cow would notice it.—New York Weekly.

Departed Glory.

She used to look on him as one
Who merited renown;
In former days she loved him, but
Her idol's fallen down.

I heard her say last night that he
Was worthless through and through;
He didn't kiss her baby when
She held it up to view.
—Chicago Times-Herald.

Financial Problem Solved.

"But if you pay your debts with the 20,000 marks that my daughter will receive as dowry what will you live on afterward?"

"Oh, after that my credit will be all right again!"—Unsere Gesellschaft.

Or Has Some Unnecessary Nerves.

When a man refuses to have his teeth cared for, saying that he can't afford it, it means that he lacks the necessary nerve.—Atchison Globe.

A Maxim.

This maxim let every man take to himself,
Be he peer, be he pauper or peasant,
Man's wisdom is shown less by the things he says
Than it is by the things he saysn't.
—Indianapolis Journal.

Like Goats.

Preaching one Sunday from the text, "Love one another," the village parson told a little story of two goats that had met on the one plank bridge which crossed a small stream where he lived. "But did they fight and try to push each other into the water?" queried the minister. "Oh, no! One lay down and allowed the other to step over him. There was the right spirit! My brethren," said the preacher, leaning over the pulpit and speaking in a gentle, persuasive tone, "let us live like goats."—London Standard.

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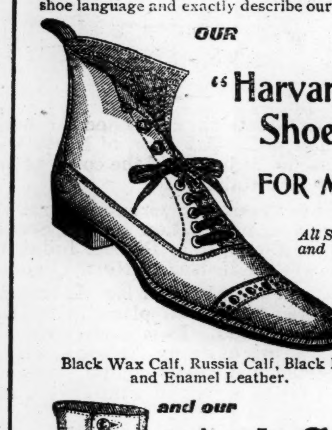

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Schedule in Effect March 26th, 1899.

South Bound Daily No. 52.	MAIN LINE.	North Bound Daily No. 53.
6 50 p m	Ar......Wilmington.....Lv	9 00 a m
3 50 p m	Lv.....Fayetteville.....Ar	12 10 a m
3 45 p m	Ar.....Fayetteville......Lv	12 28 p m
2 30 p m	Lv.......Sanford........Lv	1 43 p m
12 42 p m	Lv........Climax........Lv	3 44 p m
12 13 p m	Lv......Greensboro. ....Ar	4 15 p m
11 55 a m	Ar......Greensboro. Lv	4 25 p m
11 07 a m	Lv......Stokesdale......Lv	5 12 p m
10 36 a m	Lv.....Walnut Cove.....Lv	5 44 p m
10 09 a m	Lv......Rural Hall......Lv	6 13 p m
8 45 a m	Lv.......Mt. Airy........Ar	7 35 p m
South Bound Daily No. 64.	**BENNETTSVILLE.**	**North Bound Daily No. 65.**
8 00 a m	Lv.....Bennettsville.....Ar	7 15 p m
9 07 a m	Lv.......Maxton........Lv	6 15 p m
9 35 a m	Lv......Red Springs.....Lv	5 35 p m
10 20 a m	Lv......Hope Mills......Lv	4 52 p m
10 40 a m	Ar....Fayetteville. Lv	4 33 p m
No. 46.		No. 47.
South Bound Mixed Daily ex. Sunday.	**MADISON BRANCH.**	**North Bound Mixed Daily ex. Sunday.**
5 30 p m	Ar.......Ramseur.......Lv	6 40 a m
3 50 p m	Lv........Climax........Ar	8 25 a m
2 40 p m	Lv......Greensboro. ....Ar	9 17 a m
2 30 p m	Ar......Greensboro. Lv	9 35 a m
1 15 p m	Lv......Stokesdale......Lv	11 07 a m
12 30 p m	Lv.......Madison........Ar	11 55 a m

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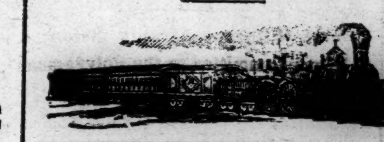

Schedule In Effect Nov. 19, 1899.

DEPARTURE FROM WILMINGTON—NORTH BOUND

DAILY 9.45 A. M. No. 48—Passenger—Due Magnolia 11.19 A. M., Warsaw 11 33 A. M., Goldsboro 12.26 P. M., Wilson 1.16 P. M., Rocky Mount 1.53 P. M., Tarboro 2.31 P. M., Weldon 4.32 P. M., Petersburg 6.21 P. M., Richmond 7.20 P. M., Norfolk 5.55 P. M., Washington 11.30 P. M., Baltimore 1.00 A. M., Philadelphia 3.50 A. M., New York 6.53 A. M., †Boston 3.00 P. M.

DAILY 6.50 P. M. No. 40—Passenger—Due Magnolia 8.20 P. M., Warsaw 8.33 P. M., Goldsboro 9.27 P. M., Wilson 10.20 P. M., †Tarboro 7.04 A. M., Rocky Mount 11.11 P. M., Weldon 1.00 A. M., †Norfolk 10.25 A. M., Petersburg 2.35 A. M., Richmond 3.23 A. M., Washington 7.01 A. M., Baltimore 8.23 A. M., Philadelphia 10.35 A. M., New York 1.03 P. M., Boston 9.00 P. M.

DAILY except Sunday 2.25 P. M. No. 50—Passenger—Due Jacksonville 4.13 P. M., Newbern 5.40 P. M.

SOUTH BOUND.

DAILY 3.45 P. M. No. 55—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 4.56 P. M., Chadbourn 5.28 P. M., Marion 6.34 P. M., Florence 7.15 P. M., Sumter 8.57 P. M., Columbia 10.20 P. M., Denmark 6.12 A. M., Augusta 7.55 A. M., Macon 11.15 A. M., Atlanta 12.35 P. M., Charleston 10.50 P. M., Savannah 1.50 A. M., Jacksonville 7.30 A. M., St. Augustine 10.30 A. M., Tampa 5.05 P. M.

WEST BOUND.

DAILY 9.00 A. M. Passenger—Due Fayetteville 12 12 P. M., leaves Fayetteville 12.35 P. M., arrives Sanford 1.43 P. M.

ARRIVALS AT WILMINGTON—FROM THE NORTH.

DAILY 5.50 P. M. No. 49—Passenger—Leave Boston †1.03 P. M., New York *9.00 P. M., Philadelphia 12.05 A. M., Baltimore 2.50 A. M., Washington 4.30 A. M., Richmond 9.05 A. M., Petersburg 10.00 A. M., Norfolk 9.00 A. M., Weldon 11.50 A. M., Tarboro 12.21 P. M. Rocky Mount 12.52 P. M., Wilson 2.40 P. M., Goldsboro 3.21 P. M., Warsaw 4.12 P. M., Magnolia 4.25 P. M.

DAILY 9.40 A. M. No. 41—Passenger—Leave Boston 12 night, New York 9.00 A. M., Philadelphia 11.33 A. M., Baltimore 1 46 P. M., Washington 3.06 P. M., Richmond 7.30 P. M., Petersburg 7.21 P. M., †Norfolk 2.20 P. M., Weldon 8.58 P. M., †Tarboro 6.00 P. M., Rocky Mount 5.40 A. M. Leave Wilson 6.20 A. M., Goldsboro 7.01 A. M., Warsaw 7.56 A. M., Magnolia 8.09 A. M.

DAILY except Sunday 12.15 P. M. No. 51—Passenger—Leave Newbern 9.00 A. M., Jacksonville 10.26 A. M.

FROM THE SOUTH.

DAILY 7.15 P. M. No. 54—Passenger—Leave Tampa 8.10 A. M., Sanford 3.07 P. M., Jacksonville 8.00 P. M., Savannah 1.45 A. M., Charleston 6.33 A. M., Atlanta 7.50 A. M., Macon 9.00 A. M., Augusta 2.30 P. M., Denmark 4.17 P. M., Columbia 6.40 A. M., Sumter 8.10 P. M., Florence 9.50 A. M., Marion 10.30 A. M., Chadbourn 11.34 A. M., Lake Waccamaw 12.03 A. M.

EAST BOUND.

DAILY 6.40 A. M. Passenger—Leave Sanford 2.30 P. M., arrive Fayetteville 3.41 P. M., leave Fayetteville 3.46 P. M.

†Daily except Sunday.

Wilmington and Weldon Railroad, Bennettsville Branch—Train leaves Bennettsville 8.15 A. M. Maxton 9.20 A. M., Red Springs 9 53 A. M., Hope Mills 10.42 A. M., arrive Fayetteville 10.55 A. M. Returning leaves Fayetteville 4.40 P. M., Hope Mills 4.55 P. M., Red Springs 5.35 P. M., Maxton 6.15 P. M., arrives Bennettsville 7.15 P. M.

Connections at Fayetteville with No. 78, at Maxton with the Carolina Central Railroad, at Red Springs with the Red Springs and Bowmore Railroad, at Sanford with the Seaboard Air Line and Southern Railway, at Gulf with the Durham and Charlotte Railroad.

Train between Rocky Mount and Richmond leave Rocky Mount 7.00 A. M., arrive Weldon 8 06 A. M., arrive Petersburg 10 A. M., arrive Richmond 11.05 A. M.

Trains on the Scotland Neck Branch Road leave Weldon 3.55 P. M., Halifax 4.15 P. M.; arrive Scotland Neck 5.08 P. M., Greenville 6.57 P. M., Kinston 7.55 P. M. Returning, leaves Kinston 7.50 A. M., Greenville 8.52 A. M.; arriving Halifax at 11.18 A. m., Weldon 11.33 A. M. Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 8.10 A. M. and 2.30 P. M.; arrive Parmele 9.10 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.; returning leaves Parmele 9.35 A. M. and 6.30 P. M.; arrives Washington 11.00 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 5.30 P. M.; Sunday, 4.15 P. M.; arrives Plymouth 7.40 P. M. and 6.10 P. M. Returning, leaves Plymouth daily except Sunday, 7 50 A. M. and Sunday 9.00 A. M.; arrive Tarboro 10.05 A. M. and 11.00 A. M.

Trains leave Goldsboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 7.05 A. M.; arrives Smithfield, N. C., 8.10 A. M. Returning leaves Smithfield 9.00 A. M.; arrives Goldsboro 10.25 A. M.

Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 9.30 A. M., 3.40 P. M.; arrives Nashville 10.10 A. M., 4.03 P. M., Spring Hope 10.40 A. M., 4.55 P. M. Returning, leaves Spring Hope 11.00 A. M., 4.55 P. M., Nashville 11.22 A. M.; 5.25 P. M., arrives at Rocky Mount 11.45 A. M.; 6.00 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Train on Clinton Branch leave Warsaw for Clinton, daily except Sunday, at 11.40 A. M. and 4.15 P. M. Returning, leave Clinton at 7.00 A. M. and 2.50 P. M.

Train leaves Pee Dee 10.02 A. M., arrive Latta 10.24 A. M., Dillon 10.36 A. M., Rowland 10.54 A. M. Returning, leaves Rowland 6.00 P. M.; arrives Dillon 6.20 P. M., Latta 6.35 P. M., Pee Dee 7.00 P. M., daily.

Trains on Conway Branch leave Boardman at 3.00 P. M., Chadbourn 5.35 P. M.; arrive Conway 7.40 P. M.; leave Conway 8.30 A. M., Chadbourn 11.20 A. M.; arrive Boardman 12.25 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Trains leave Sumter 5.13 P. M., Manning 5.41 P. M.; arrive Lane's 6.17 P. M.; leave Lane's 8.34 A. M., Manning 9.09 A. M.; arrive Sumter 9.40 A. M. Daily.

Georgetown and Western Railroad leave Lane's 9.30 A. M., 7.40 P. M.; arrive Georgetown 12.00 M., 9.00 P. M.; leave Georgetown 7.00 A. M.; 3.30 P. M.; arrive Lane's 8.25 A. M.; 5.55 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Trains leave Florence daily except Sunday at 9.50 A. M.; arrive Darlington 10.15 A. M., Hartsville 9.15 P. M., Cheraw 11.30 A. M., Wadesboro 12.35 P. M.; leave Florence daily except Sunday at 7.55 P.M.; arrive Darlington 8.20 P. M., Bennettsville 9.17 P. M., Gibson 10.20 P. M. Leave Florence Sunday only 9.30 A. M., arrive Darlington 10.05 A. M.

Leave Gibson daily except Sunday at 6.00 A. M. Bennettsville 7.00 A. M.; arrive Darlington 8.00 A. M. Leave Darlington 8.50 A. M.: arrive Florence 9.15 A. M. Leave Wadesboro daily except Sunday 4.10 P. M., Cheraw 5.15 P. M., Hartsville 7.00 A. M., Darlington 6.29 P. M.; arrive Florence 7.00 P. M. Leave Darlington Sunday only at 8.50 A. M., arrive Florence 9.15 A. M.

Wilson and Fayetteville Branch leave Wilson 1.58 P. M., 10.25 P. M., arrive Selma 2.48 P. M. 11.10 P. M., Smithfield 3.02 P. M., Dunn 3.40 P. M., Fayetteville 4.25 P. M., 1.21 5A. M., Rowland 6.00 P. M. returning leave Rowland 10.54 A. M., Fayetteville 12.20 P. M., 9.45 P. M., Dunn 1.04 P. M., Smithfield 1.43 P. M. Selma 1.50 P. M., 10.53 P. M., arrive Wilson 2.35 P. M., 11.31 A. M.

Trains leave Sumter 4.25 A. M., Creston 5.19 A. M., arrive Denmark 6.12 A. M. Returning, leave Denmark 4.17 P. M., Creston 5.15 P. M., Sumter 6.03 P M. Daily.

Trains leave Creston 5.45 A. M., arrives Pregnalls 9.15 A. M. Returning, leaves Pregnalls 10.00 A. M., arrives Creston 3.50P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Bishopville Branch trains leave Elliott 10.35 A. M., and arrive Lucknow 12.15 P. M. Returning, leave Lucknow 2.10 P. M., arrive Elliotts 3.50 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

†Daily except Sunday. *Sunday only.

H. M. EMERSON, Gen'l Passenger Agent.
J. R. KENLY, Gen'l Manager.
T. M. EMERSON, Traffic Manager.
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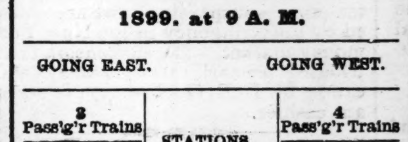
Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad

Time Table No. 9.



To Take Effect Tuesday, Aug. 8, 1899, at 9 A. M.

GOING EAST. GOING WEST.

3 Pass'g'r Trains Arrive	3 Pass'g'r Trains Leave	STATIONS.	4 Pass'g'r Trains Arrive	4 Pass'g'r Trains Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
....	3 40	Goldsboro........	11 05	....
....	4 32	Kinston........	10 12	....
5 40	5 50	Newbern........	8 37	9 00
7 02	7 07	Morehead City.	7 22	7 27
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W. train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11.35 A. M., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 2.00 P. M., and with W. & N. at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 3 connects with Southern Railway train, arriving at Goldsboro 3.00 P. M., and with W. & W. train from the North at 3.05 P. M. No. 1 train also connects with W. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points.

aug 6 tf S. L. DILL, Sup't.

$600 Worth . . . of Drummers' Millinery Samples on sale at THE BEE HIVE.

THE LOT CONSISTS OF

All kinds of Hats, Plumes, Tips, Feathers, Ornaments, Infants' Caps, &c. We Bought them very much below regular value, and we are selling them wonderfully cheap. You are invited to come and look over the lot and make selections. If you look you will buy at

THE BEE HIVE, W. H. GAYLORD, Prop.

JUST OPENED UP, EVERYTHING NEW.

W. H. GAYLORD'S New Clothing Department is the place to go to get anything that Men or Boys wear. We have just gotten in a fine new line of Men's and Boys' Suits, Overcoats, Pants, Hats, Caps, Shoes, Shirts, Neckwear, Underwear, McIntoshes, Umbrellas, &c.

Give us a call. We are at No. 115 South Front street, two doors from The Bee Hive.

nov 10 tf **W. H. GAYLORD.**

Store Open Until 9 O'Clock Every Evening.

Goods delivered promptly or will lay them aside and deliver on Xmas eve.

We Have Twenty-six Salesmen and Salesladies to Wait on You.

Make your purchases at the largest Department Store.

J. H. REHDER & CO.,
615, 617 and 619 North Fourth Street.

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Not Christmas day nor Christmas week, but the plain time, the best time, the time of head work, and heart work; the time of pleasurable anticipation and enjoyable plans.

The time of looking and debating and secret whisperings, out of which will be evolved the gifts most valued and appreciated, because carrying with them, weeks of self-denial, search and loving forethought.

For the jeweler it is a time of buying unfolding and displaying. The time when we can show you our choice selections, fresh from the packing boxes. The time when your early coming will enable you to select some desirable and exclusive article to be "laid aside." A time when early Christmas shopping means much to you. Our line of

NOVELTIES

is large this year, but the best of the most extensive stock always go to the "early birds." Will you be one?

DINGELHOEF BROS.,
Jewellers and Scientific Opticians, Parlor No. 123 Market St.

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*****SPECIALS OFFERED.

Taylor's Bazaar, 118 Market street.

A Ladies' Dollar Kid Glove, in white, black or tan, with two clasps, only 75c per pair.
Ten Dozen Ladies' Hats, stitched brim and Tam O'Shanta crown, with quill, only 50c.
Long Quills, all colors, only 5c.
Five dozen Trimmed black Felt Alpines, 25c.
Rough Brim Straw Sailors, Trimmed ready to wear, 25c,
200 Capes in all styles, in price upward from $1.00.
Ten dozen Ladies' Muslin Gowns, with tucks, full size and nicely made, only 50c.

Just received a new lot of

Trimmed Millinery.

DON'T FORGET our new Toy Department at 108 Market street.

Taylor's Bazaar.

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The National Bank of Wilmington.

6th December, 1899.

ASSETS.

U. S. City and County Bonds (at par)	$117,300.00
Banking House Furniture and Fixtures	23,000.00
Loans and discounts	223,340.21
Redempt on fund	4 500.00
Due from Banks and cash on hand	130,513.78
	$498,653.99

LIABILITIES.

Capital and surplus	$118 000.00
Circulation	90,000.00
Deposits	287, 91 27
Net profits, Expenses and taxes paid	3,362.72
	$498,653.99

We submit the above for your consideration. If you will carefully study this statement we feel sure that it will please you. You will note that we are making steady and healthy progress.

We only began business in June, 1894; therefore, the youngest Bank in the city.

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UMBRELLAS.

Everybody Should Lay By Something for a Rainy Day, if Only a Good Umbrella. For Xmas Presents,

You couldn't select anything better, and we have a lot of them to select from.

S. & B. SOLOMON,

dec 17 tf Wholesale or Retail.

Well, Christmas is Coming, and

I Am Glad of It, Says the School Girl.

My father and mother go to town before then, and I shall put in my wants and tell them where I would go and get the nice things.

My mamma has promised to buy me a nice Cloak, and I have seen one that came from the Racket at $2 48, just like the one I want, and a Fur Collarette at $1.75 and $2.00. Some very nice ones at $4.00 and $5.00, with the Capes and Fur and Heads and Tails on it. And if my mamma will, I shall ask her to buy me some good everyday Dress Goods. Nice pretty patterns in them. Plaid remnants in 10 to 20 yard pieces at 6c. A nice new one-half Wool Dress Goods, Rough Finish, at 12½c and 15c. A splendid Plaid, bright and pretty, at 29c.

Well, my School Shoes are wearing out, and they have worn well. My papa bought them at the Racket, and I will have him to get me a pair of Goodman's best Solid Leather, Fine Shoes at Gaylord's for $1.00 a pair. My School Shoes, solid and good, he can get at 85c; and the run is large sizes, from 3's to 6's.

Look here, miss, you shan't have it all. How about that Suit I am to have at $1.50 or $2.00; and a pair of those Double-Seated Pants at 50c; and a good Cap from 10c, 15c to 25c.

Well, I want some good Undershirts and Pants. I am going to get him to bring me some of those 29c Shirts that are worth 50c. A nice Laundered Shirt at 25c. A Union Suit, a good one, at 25c; and a pair of fine Shoes at 75c or $1.00. Do you know it don't take much money to fit me up, as I do not have any fandangles. There is where you win; they do not cost much when you buy them at the right place.

Big miss, you shan't have it all. My papa says he is going to buy his baby a nice long Cloak at 75c, a pretty trimmed Hat, trimmed up to suit baby. Nice pretty styles at 75c, and a beautiful Silk baby Cap at 25c. And those little soft Christmas Shoes, laced up with red strings for 25c; Fur all around the top for 35c and 50c. And the nicest little soft warm baby Mitts at 5c.

Do you think papa can buy half of the things we want? Well, yes; they won't cost much. And he and mamma need some good Winter Clothing. I know where he trades, because he always does buy reliable, honest Goods, and gets them cheap at the Big Racket.

My mamma says she is going to buy a Carpet for her front room and her parlors, and says she can buy a good Ingrain Carpet at 29c, and good Brussels Carpet at 45c; a good Hemp Carpet for the dining room at 18c; a nice Matting for her spare room at 18c and 20c; and some Shades at 10c and 25c. Some Lace Curtains for the parlor at 98c a pair. And some nice Silkaline for a Lamberquin at 8c. And, just think, after buying these goods so cheap, the Racket Store man will give my mamma a real nice, large Willow Rocking Chair for a $25.00 purchase, a set of fine China, six Cups, six Saucers, six Plates and one large Bowl for a $25.00 purchase.

They Have About Twenty-five People Pushing Out Daily at Wilmington's Big Racket Store.

GEO. O. GAYLORD, PROP.

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The Morning Star.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, DEC. 20.

SEABOARD AIR LINE.

Meeting of Stockholders of the Seaboard and Roanoke Copany—Consolidation of Properties Authorized.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NORFOLK, VA., December 19.—At a meeting of the stockholders of the Seaboard and Roanoke Railroad Company, held this afternoon in Portsmouth, a resolution authorizing the consolidation of the Seaboard Air Line system, which is controlled by the Seaboard and Roanoke with the Georgia and Alabama, and Florida and Peninsula companies, according to the plans of the Williams syndicate, were put through. Violent opposition to the resolution was made by the attorneys representing the minority stockholders, chiefly among whom is Thomas F. Ryan of New York.

Mr. Ryan's lawyers entered a formal protest against all the consolidation proceedings and presented charges touching both their integrity and legality. The Seaboard and Roanoke road owns a controlling interest in several other roads, and until recently owned a controlling interest in the Raleigh and Gaston, which in its turn controlled a number of smaller lines, and all these taken together have been the Seaboard system. The Seaboard and Roanoke's holdings of Raleigh and Gaston stock were a majority of that company's authorized issue. The principal fight at the Seaboard and Roanoke meeting this afternoon was upon a resolution approving the action of the Seaboard committee. Mr. Ryan's lawyers alleged a gross breach of trust. They said that the syndicate representing the Florida Peninsula and the syndicate representing the Georgia and Alabama, and the present management of the Seaboard and the syndicate representing the Raleigh and Gaston, were all identical bodies, and that this was a case where the buyer was also a seller, fixing for its own convenience and for its own purpose the terms of both purchase and sale, and so doing it as to take care of certain stockholders and leave the others out in the cold. They also allege that the Florida Peninsula and Georgia and Alabama were not valuable properties, and that the purpose of the syndicate in fastening them on the Seaboard Air Line system was to make good its own bad investments. These charges were resolutely denied by the officers of the Seaboard, representing the majority of stockholders. They said that the new system was bound to be a success and accused the Ryan party of acting in the interest of the Southern Railway. The Ryan party made a stiff effort to obtain information of the details of the consolidation plan, but none of their inquiries, whether put as questions or as motions, elicited the slightest response. The fight will be continued to-morrow at Raleigh, where the Raleigh and Gaston stockholders will be called together.

PITT COUNTY TRAGEDY.

George Taylor Murdered and His House Burned to Conceal the Crime—Two Negroes Arrested.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NORFOLK, VA., Dec. 19.—Near the village of Oakley, N. C., on the Washington branch of the Atlantic Coast Line, Saturday night, was enacted a tragedy that equals in horror, if not in fiendishness, the one which occurred some months ago in another part of Pitt county, at Turnage.

Living on the same plantation were Samuel Taylor and George, his son, but in separate houses, not far apart, both respected and industrious citizens.

Saturday night Sam Taylor and his wife went visiting and George and his brothers went to town to get the mail, in which he expected to find a check for some tobacco he had previously shipped for sale. The letter containing the expected check did not come. George told his brothers that he was feeling so badly that he would go home and left.

Soon thereafter his brothers started for home. When about a quarter of a mile from home they met a boy, a son of Grey Corey, who told them that they had better hasten, that he had heard George calling for help. This did not make much impression on them, but, advancing a little further, they beheld smoke over George's house. Then they hurried. Arriving at the scene, they found that the house had been entered, probably robbed and fired, and George's body in the house near the front entrance burning. The body was dragged out. The lower part of the body was burned so that the flesh came off and had to be picked up and placed in a bucket. The left side was burned so that the flesh came off and the heart could be seen.

Sunday afternoon Henry Taylor and Mack Taylor, colored, were arrested, and the evidence indicated that they were guilty. It is feared that they will be lynched.

LIST OF LETTERS.

Remaining Uncalled For in the Wilmington Postoffice December 19th, 1899.

WOMEN'S LIST.

Gertrude F. Brown, Prisella Bishop, Virginia Beasley, Delia Crumily, Harriett Carlton, Ila Countil, Louise Elliott, Rachel Faison, Mariah Grey, C. Heatwilling, M. J. Hall, Annie Johnson, Mary Johnson, Belle Montrose, Eliza Mattox, Annie Page, Mary Philips, Maggie Peterson, Penry Newell, T. R. Radoliff, Clarcy Smith, Grace Smith, Sarrah Simmins, Clara Tayler, Janie Washington Mary Webb

MEN'S LIST.

C. L. Anderson, Crayon Portrait Co., J. J. Carter, J. A. Campbell, J. Lee Clark, John Danier, J. W. Deal, Maitean Fillyaw, Lee Gilchrist, W. J. Goddard, Chalkley Halton, Catherine Hill, Geo. H. Hewlett, Johnnie Jones, Iner Yarning, L. L. Roberson, Frank Willis, Prelest Mist, D. F. Oberiaw, John O'Donnell, Jno. A. Peterson, J. C. Parker, Meta Powell, H. C. Rucker, J. J. Rogers, Geo. Sonders, Johnnie M. Smith, Robert Stanley, Samuel Smith, A. H. Thompon, W. H. Upchurch, C. D. White, S. D. Wilson.

RETURNED FROM DEAD LETTER OFFICE.

W. M. Peges.

FOREIGN LETTERS.

Cino Domenic, Al Sigino Dimimica, Sara McEllen, Donato Palese, Signora Pieto Risatti.

Persons calling for above letters will please say advertised. If not called for in fifteen days they will be sent to the dead letter office. M. C. DARBY, Postmaster.

Read the advertisement of the East Carolina Real Estate Agency in this issue of the STAR. It offers for sale some very valuable farms. †

MORE TROOPS FOR SOUTH AFRICA.

A Mounted Infantry Force of Ten Thousand Men to be Mobilized.

FIGHTING AT TUGELA RIVER.

Reports Are Filtering In, But It is Still Impossible to Get An Accurate Idea of the Battle—Hint That England May Seize Delagoa Bay.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LONDON, December 20.—The government has at last consented to mobilize a force which General Buller is credited with having demanded alone as essential for success in South Africa, namely 10,000 mounted infantry. This morning the War Office issued an order to the effect that the government had decided to raise for South Africa a mounted infantry force, to be called "Imperial Yeomanry," and to be recruited from yeomanry, volunteers and civilians possessing the requisite qualifications. Enlistment will be for one year, or during the continuance of the war. The men must be between 20 and 35 years of age, and of equal physique to the ordinary cavalry soldiers. Officers and men are to provide their own horses, and to wear neutral-tint cloth shooting jackets, not necessarily uniform, felt hats, breeches and gaiters. All must be good riders and marksmen.

The same order invites every volunteer regiment that is linked with a regular battalion serving at the front to supply a full company, which will take the place of the mounted infantry of the regiment.

These arrangements are expected to result in considerable force. The enrolled strength of the yeomanry forces, which originated in the troublous period of the French revolution, is now 10,433. Their services have never been before called for in war.

The enthusiasm of volunteer enlistments continues and promises to give the government ample material.

Rudyard Kipling addressed a meeting at Rottingen last evening, called for the purpose of forming a volunteer company.

The British second class cruiser Iris will convey Lord Kitchener from Egypt to the Cape. She has been ordered to steam at sixteen knots.

Special reports regarding the fighting at the Tugela river are still filtering through, but all the newspapers complain that these are severely censored, and it is still impossible to get an accurate idea of the battle. From the latest accounts, however, it appears that General Buller was in personal command.

A correspondent of the Associated Press at Chievely camp says the Boers excuse themselves for firing on the stretcher bearers by asserting that two squads of the Connaught Rangers took cover under civilian bearers of the Red Cross, and that this drew the Boer fire, three being killed and several wounded.

Much anxiety is caused by the fact that the War Office has not yet received a full list of the casualties at Tugela river.

A Hint at Portugal.

The *Standard* hints editorially this morning that if Portugal continues to allow supplies of war material and foreign volunteers to reach the Transvaal through Delagoa bay, England will have something to say in the matter.

Statements are published from Boer sources in Brussels and Berlin that President Kruger is willing to conclude peace on the *status quo*, but that otherwise he will call upon the Boers in Cape Colony to join the proclaiming of the independence of the Cape territories of Great Britain.

Unconfirmed Report.

LONDON, December 19.—The War Office declines either to confirm or contradict the report telegraphed by a correspondent of the *Daily Mail* that General Buller has crossed the Tugela river, and that Lord Methuen's communications have been cut.

GAYLE SUCCEEDS SETTLE.

Democrats Elect Their Candidate in the Seventh Kentucky District.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

FRANKFORT, KY., December 18.—At the special election in the Seventh Kentucky Congressional district today, to elect a successor to the late Congressman Evan E. Settle, June W. Gayle, Democrat, of Owen county, was elected over ex-Congressman W. C. Owens, who ran as the fusion candidate of the anti-Goebel Democrats and Republicans. About two-thirds of the vote was polled. At Gayle's headquarters his majority is place d at 3,000.

FIRE AT FLORENCE, S. C.

Hotel, Bank and Business Houses Burned. Losses Approximate $150,000.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

FLORENCE, S. C., December 19.—This city suffered a heavy loss by fire early this morning. The blaze started in the Florence Hotel. This building as well as the Bank of Florence, the Opera House and the City Hall were totally destroyed. The Florence fire department was aided by the Darlington firemen. The fire was checked at 6 A. M., after the principal business houses in the heart of the city were destroyed. The total loss will be $150,000; partially insured.

H. G. WADLEY'S TRIAL.

Sentenced to One Year in the Virginia Penitentiary for Embezzlement.

[*Special Dispatch to Richmond Times.*]

WYTHEVILLE, VA., December 18.—Judge William E. Fulton refused this morning to set aside the verdict in the Wadley embezzlement case; thereupon he sentenced Wadley to one year in the penitentiary. An appeal will be taken at once to Judge Jackson's court. Wadley is now in jail.

John Skelton Williams, president of the S. A. L., says the suspension of the Produce Exchange Trust Company will have no effect whatever upon the carrying out of plans for the consolidation of the Seaboard Air Line system with its associated lines and the unification of the system.

A Washington dispatch says: At the close of business yesterday the amount of bonds which had been offered by national banks as security for public deposits, was about $15,000,000. These applications came from all parts of the country.

INVESTIGATING CASE OF UTAH'S REPRESENTATIVE.

Several Witnesses Testify Before the House Committee to the Polygamous Practices of Roberts.

By Telegraph to the morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 19.—A number of witnesses from Utah appeared to-day before the committee of the House of Representatives which is investigating the case of Mr. Roberts of Utah. They included Mrs. Dr. Lu ella Miles, practicing physician of Salt Lake City; Mrs McDougall, Mr. E. L. McDaniel, and Rev. E. S. Wishard, all of Salt Lake. Mr. Roberts was present, unaccompanied, and sat alongside the witnesses, conducting the cross-examination.

Mrs. Dr. Miles was the first witness. She gave the details of a call she made at the house of Mrs. Maggie Shipp Roberts on April 12th, 1897, relative to some medical society affairs. She addressed Mrs. Shipp-Roberts as "Dr. Shipp," whereupon the witness said she was interrupted with the request: "Doctor, you can call me Dr. Roberts."

Mrs. Roberts went on to explain, the witness said, that she had been married to Mr. Roberts for seven years. She asked that the medical society mail sent her in future be addressed as "Dr. Roberts," not "Dr. Shipp." Subsequently the witness called at the house and after a visit, Mr. Roberts came in and was introduced.

When Mr. Roberts cross-examined the witness, he repeated the story. "Was the introduction as husband?" he asked. The witness could not remember.

After the witness had stepped aside, Mr. Roberts submitted an objection, to the effect that this testimony related to 1897, whereas the committee had no jurisdiction over him prior to his becoming a member of Congress.

"Then you contend," said Chairman Tayler, "that the testimony should be confined to polygamous practices subsequent to March 4th, 1899?" "I do," answered Mr. Roberts. "The objection will be noted," responded the chairman.

Rev. S. E. Wishard was the next witness. He was in clerical garb and gave his business as that of superintendent of the Home Missionary work of the Presbyterian Synod, embracing Utah. He knew both Mr. Roberts and Mrs. Dr. Roberts, and related his first meeting with the latter in September, 1897. This occurred, he said, on the train at Manti, Utah. He was in the car with Roberts and spoke with him. A lady sat beside him and beckoned to him and then introduced her, saying: "Mrs. Roberts, Mr. Wishard."

Whether Roberts said "my wife," in making the introduction or simply said "Mrs. Roberts," the witness was not sure. But he was positive the introduction was as wife. Subsequently, Mr. Wishard said he called on Mrs. Roberts at her home, to make sure he had made no mistake. The sign in front of the house read "Dr. Margaret Roberts." In the parlor, he said, on the wall was a large portrait of Roberts and on the table a small picture of him. He saw Mrs. Roberts, recalled to her the introduction on the train and she said she remembered it.

Mrs. Maria McDougal testified to an incident occurring July 22d, 1898, when she was on the train from Butte, Montana, to Salt Lake City. Mr. Roberts and Mrs. Dr. Roberts travelled on the same car as far as Pocatello. "Once I heard Mr. Roberts introduce his companion as 'My wife,'" testified Mrs. McDaugal, "and repeatedly as 'Mrs. Roberts.'"

Edwin McDaniels, former manager of the Salt Lake *Herald*, was examined at considerable length, mainly on the politics and convention pertaining to Roberts' nomination to Congress. In 1896, while managing the *Herald*, he had a conversation with Roberts, in the course of which Roberts told him he had three families. "Three," inquired Representative Littlefield, of the committee. "Yes, three," responded the witness.

At the afternoon session, T. J. Brandon and Ray Brandon, his son, were heard. Mr. T. J. Brandon testified to being a resident of Centerville, Utah, where he had been postmaster and probate judge. He had known B. H. Roberts for years, also Louise Smith-Roberts, and Celia Dibble-Roberts. He knew the children of Louise Smith-Roberts, five or six in number. Celia Dibble Roberts also has six children, if he remembered correctly. He knew that on the morning of August 11th, 1897, it was currently reported about Centerville that B. H. Roberts had a pair of twins born to him by Celia Dibble Roberts. He had seen them frequently since then.

Ray Brandon gave evidence tending to support substantially the same allegations as those made by his father. Subsequently Mr. Brandon, Sr., testified that the general repute was that Louise Roberts is Roberts' first wife, Celia Dibble-Roberts his second, and Margaret Shipp-Roberts his third.

Mr. Shroeder stated that this closed the evidence on hand and would be all unless the committee wished further testimony. There were no other gentlemen who could testify, and if the committee desired more direct testimony it could be had only by summoning the women reputed to be wives of Roberts.

Chairman Taylor asked Mr. Roberts what line he desired to follow. He said he had no witnesses, but he had some documentary evidence he wished to present, and hoped it would arrive to-morrow.

"Do you expect to place yourself on the stand as a witness?" asked Mr. Miers, a member of the committee. "I do not," replied Mr. Roberts.

At 4 o'clock the committee went into executive session and decided to hear arguments on January 4th.

MORE FAILURES.

Bankers and Brokers at Boston and Port Jervis Make Assignments.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

BOSTON, December 19.—Dillaway and Starr, bankers and brokers, of this city, assigned to-day. The firm, it is understood, with two other houses, carried a large quantity of mining stocks. The embarrassment of the Globe National Bank and the subsequent flurry in the stock market is said to have been the reason for the assignment as the firm was a heavy loser.

NEW YORK, December 19.—The National Bank of Port Jervis, New Jersey did not open its doors for business to-day. A notice signed by President Francis Marvin and Vice President Sharp was posted, saying that temporary suspension was necessitated by the stringency in the New York money market. The suspension is attributed primarily to the recent defalcation of L. E. Goldsmith, the assistant cashier.

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FINANCIAL BILL IN THE SENATE.

Measure Drafted by Republican Committee Comes Up After Holiday Recess.

THE HOUSE PROCEEDINGS.

The Roberts Investigation—House Refused to Investigate Cases of Utah Postmasters Alleged to be Guilty of Polygamy—The Philippines.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 19.—Discussion in the Senate of the financial measure drafted by the Republican majority of the committee on finance will begin on Tuesday, Jan. 4th, the day after the holiday recess. This announcement was made in the Senate to-day by Senator Aldrich, Rhode Island, chairman of the finance committee, in connection with his report of the Senate substitute of the financial bill passed yesterday by the House.

Senator Aldrich, who will have charge of the measure, declared his purpose to press it to passage as soon as possible.

Mr. Vest, Missouri, desired it to be understood that the bill reported by the finance committee, did not represent the views of the minority of the committee.

Hon. W. V. Allen, appointed by Governor Poynter, as Senator from Nebraska, to-day took the oath of office.

After an executive session the Senate adjourned as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Representative Bland.

House of Representatives.

The House was in session two hours to-day. Scores of the members left for their homes this afternoon to spend the holidays.

Mr. Tayler, Ohio, chairman of the special committee to investigate the case of Representative-elect Roberts, offered a resolution for the payment of the expenses incurred by the committee and hereafter to be incurred, out of the contingent fund of the House.

Mr. Lentz, Ohio, asked unanimous consent that the committee investigating the Roberts case be also instructed to investigate the cases of the two Utah postmasters alleged to be guilty of polygamy.

Mr. Sherman, New York, objected and the Tayler resolution was adopted.

Mr. Grow read a carefully prepared speech in defence of the policy of retaining possession of the Philippines as a logical result of the war with Spain and Dewey's victory at Manila. He said the people of the District of Columbia would have just as much right to rebel against the authority of the United States as the people of the Philippines. The "copperheads" of 1861-'65 were succeeded by the "anti-imperialists" of to-day. Both sought to embarrass the government.

Mr. Bell, Colorado, submitted some remarks in criticism of the statements in the President's message about the prosperous condition of the country. He charged that a large proportion of the alleged prosperity was fictitious and instanced the case of the numerous industrial trusts which he said had been inflated with wind and floated. Many of these bubbles had been pricked within the last few days, and to-day the newspapers were filled with stories of disaster on Wall street.

Mr. Gaines, Tennessee, spoke briefly in opposition to Mr. Grow's statement last Friday that from 1860 to 1878 "coin" was understood to mean and did mean "gold."

Mr. Mercer, Nebraska, announced the death of the late Senator Hayward, of Nebraska, and after the adoption of the customary resolutions the House at 2 05 P. M., as a further mark of respect, adjourned.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

Tendency Towards a Panic Averted by Financial Interests—A Sharp Advance in Prices of Stocks.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 19.—The concerted measures of the most powerful financial interests in the country proved effective to day in checking the progress towards panic and collapse in the stock market.

The decision of the banks to use all their resources to accommodate the demand for loans, the determination of the Secretary of the Treasury to largely increase government deposits with depository banks, and the course of funds from domestic centres toward New York in response to the acute needs developed yesterday, all tended to re assurance.

When the tide of liquidation was seen to be stemmed by the abundant resources afforded, prices set about a violent recovery under urgent demand from the short interest and active bidding by the traders and insiders. The sharp advances invited some realizing, but the undertone of the market continued strong up to the close, which was at net gains running from two to twelve points for the principal stocks.

SEVEN LIVES LOST.

Fires in Tenement Houses in New York City Early Yesterday Morning.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 19.—Seven lives were lost in two big tenement houses, which were destroyed by fire in this city early to-day. Five charred bodies were found on the upper floors of a burned tenement at 102nd street and Third avenue, known as the Mentor, and five women and a little girl, all badly burned, were carried from the blazing house to nearby hospitals. There is thought to be but slight chance of any of the six surviving. Several other persons escaped from the flames and dense smoke with cuts and bruises.

A few hours earlier a deadly fire attacked the five story tenement on Tenth avenue, burning to death Mrs. Martin Fox and her child, George, two and-a-half years old. The charred remains of both were found after the fire.

A bill was introduced in the House yesterday by White, of North Carolina, to appropriate $15,000 for a negro exhibit at the Paris Exposition.

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GENERAL LAWTON KILLED.

Shot Down by Filipinos While Standing in Front of His Troops at San Mateo—His Record.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

MANILA, Dec. 16.—Major General Henry W. Lawton has been shot and killed at San Mateo. He was standing in front of his troops, was shot in the breast and died immediately.

General Lawton was known as a good fighter and soldier of experience and ability. He served in the Union army throughout the civil war, having entered the service as sergeant of company E, Ninth Indiana volunteer infantry, in April, 1861. In March, 1865, he was brevetted colonel for gallant and meritorous services during the war. He entered the regular establishment in July, 1866, as second lieutenant of the 21st infantry (colored) and remained with that branch of the army until January, 1871, when he was transferred to the Fourth cavalry, with which he remained until, September 1888, when he was appointed inspector general with the rank of major. Later he was promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel and held that rank until the opening of the war with Spain when President McKinley appointed him brigadier of volunteers, and assigned him to command of a division of the Fifth army corps, commanded by General Shafter. He served with distinction in the operations before Santiago.

WARM WIRELETS.

The Senate has confirmed the nomination of T. C. Fuller, of North Carolina, to be justice of the court of private land claims.

The President yesterday sent the following nomination to the Senate: H. G. Ewart, to be District Judge for the western district of North Carolina.

The funeral of Flag Lieutenant Brumby will take place in Atlanta this afternoon. Immediately upon its arrival this morning the body will be escorted to the State capital, where it will lay in state under military guard from 10 A. M until 2 P. M.

United States Senator Thomas S. Martin was yesterday re-elected for the term beginning March 4th, 1901, by both houses of the Virginia assembly. To-morrow the two houses will meet in joint session to canvass the vote and declare the result.

Sanford White, superintendent of construction of the W. J. Rainey Coke Company, Dunbar, Pa., was shot and killed by David Pierce, a colored employe. Pierce then fled to the mountains, followed by an angry mob. He was discerned in hiding and riddled with bullets.

A bill was introduced in the Senate yesterday by Senator Sullivan, Mississippi, directing the Secretary of the Treasury to refund money realized on cotton captured in the Southern States during the civil war and from tax levied upon cotton in those States at that time. This money was covered into the United States treasury.

Senator Jones, chairman of the Democratic National Committee has issued a call for a meeting of that committee to be held at the Raleigh Hotel in Washington, D. C., on the 22nd of February. The purpose of the meeting is to fix a time and place for holding the National Democratic Convention next Summer.

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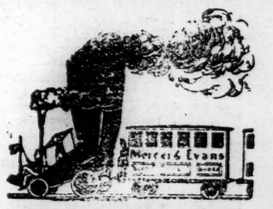

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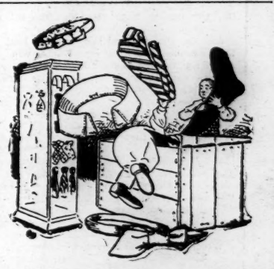

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